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With this year's convention being held earlier in August than in past years, we hope to see more Young Numismatists on the bourse, in the meetings, and in the exhibit area. Our club has no YN members, but many of our members also are members of local clubs that have YNs in attendance — if you have any YNs who exhibit or make presentations at your local club, please encourage them to consider exhibiting at the ANA convention this August. The ANA web site has pages on building an exhibit, and also has the application and rules for exhibiting at the 2013 convention — very little of the details will change for 2014. **Remember, August 5-9!** Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1140th Meeting

The 1140th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was the Annual Award Banquet. The event was held December 11, 2013 in the Green Room at Foodlife in Water Tower Place, 835 N. Michigan Ave. Mezzanine Level, Chicago. Members began to arrive as early as 6 PM to visit the many food stations. The meeting was formally called to order at 8 PM by President Elliott Krieter with 32 members and guests present. A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

Richard Hamilton delivered an invocation. The applications of membership of Dennis Gorman and Mike Clark received second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The application of Melissa Morsi received first reading. First V.P. Richard Lipman received a round of applause for suggesting the banquet location.

Rich introduced the evening's featured speaker, Mark Wieclaw, who spoke on *Brookgreen Gardens: Art, Nature, Numismatics*. Following a question and answer period, Rich presented Mark with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler presented Cabeen Exhibit Awards for outstanding exhibits in 2013. Bronze Honorable Mention went to: Dale Lukanich, Robert

Feiler, Eugene Freeman, and Robert Weinstein; Second Place Silver was awarded to Mark Wieclaw; and First Place Gold to Richard Lipman.

Member Brett Irick was visiting from Detroit and spoke of his involvement in arranging participation by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association at the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention. He also summarized several upcoming numismatic events in the Detroit, MI and Windsor, Ontario area.

Jeff Rosinia conducted a raffle with large chocolate coins as prizes, then surprised his wife Kathy with a birthday cake and candles.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. As an annual tradition, Jeff Rosinia brought a pocket trumpet and serenaded the group with a lively version of *Jingle Bells*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Brookgreen Gardens: Art, Nature, Numismatics?

a presentation by Mark Wieclaw,
to our December 11, 2013 meeting

Brookgreen Gardens is the world's largest statuary garden, so that covers the *Art* and *Nature* in the presentation's title — the works by artists who designed U.S. coinage explains the *Numismatics*. After the August 2012 ANA convention in Philadelphia, Mark and his wife drove to South Carolina to visit Brookgreen Gardens; many of the program's slides came from that trip. The first slide was of the cover of the June, 1981 issue of *The Numismatist*, and featured the *Fighting Stallions* sculpture by Anna Hyatt Huntington which is located at the garden entrance. That issue was one of the first that Mark received as an ANA member, and he finally visited!

Brookgreen Gardens was established by the Huntingtons in in the early 20th century. Archer M. was the stepson of a railroad magnate, and Anna Hyatt was a scultor; together, they founded 14 museums, 2 state parks, and many other institutions. Four old rice plantations (one was named Brookgreen) were bought and combined to form a warm-weather getaway spot. It also was intended as a showcase for scultures. Mark showed us Anna's early plan for the garden — the pathways form the shape of a butterfly — and a current map shows some of the orginal idea. He considers an admission ticket, costing $14 and good for 7 days, a great value.

Anna Huntington sculpted mostly animals, but she also sculpted one of the six

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Diana sculptures in the garden; a slide of this was among the slides of sculptures of mythological figures set among the lawns and vegetation of the gardens. Some sculptures are surrounded by a flower bed, while others are set in a fountain or a pond. There are more than 1,000 pieces in the garden, with the smaller pieces moved around. Some show some humor, such as the somewhat recent *Eat More Beef* by Sandy Scott — it is the sculpture of a mature pig. The buildings contain hundreds of smaller statues, some too delicate to be placed outdoors. Pieces are constantly being added to the permanent collection, while some pieces are on temporary loan. Regional history also is covered — one case holds plantation tokens, used by sharecroppers to purchase goods at a plantation store. Other cases hold medallions, some made there, that are for sale. That was a nice introduction and overview, but what about the numismatic artists?

The Hermit Crab, a 1991 bronze medallion for Brookgreen Gardens, by Don Everhart led off the works by numismatic artists. Between 1995 and 2005, Don's designs were used on 21 US coins: first spouse, state quarters, commemorative dollars, and circulating coins (Jefferson nickel obverse, and the *Professional Life* Lincoln Cent reverse. We quickly saw a group of children around a flag pole by Glenna Goodacre (Sacajawea dollar obverse), a large circular plaque by Chester Martin (1992 White House dollar), a boy riding a porpoise by B.F. Hawkins (1936 Wisconsin half dollar), and a sculpture by Charles Keck (1915 Pan-Pacific gold dollar, 1927 Vermont half dollar, and the 1936 Lynchburg half dollar). Two works by Gertrude Lathrop, a small dog named Bosie and a white heron, were followed by her two coin designs (1936 Albany half dollar and 1938 New Rochelle half dollar). Sculptures and commemorative coin designs by Brenda Putnum, Robert Aitken, and Chester Beach followed, and Mark showed Daniel Chester French's *Benediction* even though French never designed a US coin — but he did create the Minuteman statue shown on the 1925 Lexington-Concord half dollar, not to mention the seated Lincoln statue in the Lincoln Memorial which appeared on the Lincoln Cent reverse starting in 1959.

The designers of circulating coins were more familiar to us, and we saw works by Anthony de Francisci (Peace Dollar), Hermon A. MacNeil (Standing Liberty Quarter), Adolph A. Weinman (Winged Liberty Dime, and Walking Liberty Half Dollar), Augustus Saint-Gaudens (Indian Head $10 Gold and Saint-Gaudens $20 Gold), Laura Gardin-Fraser (many commemorative coins, including her much praised design for the 1032 Washington Quarter that was finally used, in 1999, on the $5 Washington Death Bicentennial), and James Earle Fraser (Indian Head / Buffalo Nickel). Some of the shown sculptures were smaller versions, but still from the original workshops, of the monumental sized famous original bronzes that are in other museums and collections. Mark was impressed by the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff, and highly recommends a multi-day visit. Brookgreen Gardens is open year-round, and the garden plants change with the season, but April and May might present the best weather.

Minutes of the Chicago Coin Club Board of Directors

December 18, 2013

The December 18, 2013 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club Board was held at Connie's Pizza, 2373 South Archer Ave., Chicago, IL.

President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm with the following members present: Bob Feiler, William Burd, Mark Wieclaw, Paul Hybert, Carl Wolf, Steve Zitowsky, Rich Lipman, and Mark Stackler.

Treasurer Steve Zitowsky answered several questions concerning the Club's finances.

After a discussion the Board passed the following motions to present to the general membership for approval:

- Strike 50 copper *Standing Lincoln* medals for suitable engraving and neck ribbons for presentation to all 2014 ANA Convention Money Talks speakers. Cost not to exceed $1300.
- Strike 150 bronze *Standing Lincoln* medals to commemorate the 2014 ANA Convention at a total cost not to exceed $1700.00 and sell for $20.00 each.

As 2014 is the Club's 95th Anniversary year, everyone favored a special event to mark the occasion. A variety of ideas were presented and President Krieter agreed to appoint a committee of three to pursue this and report back in early 2014.

It was reported that featured speakers are scheduled for the Club's first four meetings in 2014.

Everyone was in favor of holding another joint dinner meeting with the New York Numismatic Club at the 2014 ANA Convention. Carl Wolf agreed to speak to Mark Anderson about a meeting format, a joint medal striking, etc.

Mark Stackler announced the Club's Facebook page now has 142 followers. A general discussion was held around the length of time some speakers spend during their exhibit presentation at regular meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Sincerely,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Our 1141st Meeting

Date: January 8, 2014

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $29 is reduced to $6 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA), show them your parking ticket, and ask the restaurant for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: Jeffrey A. Amelse — *Collectables from Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition*

Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition commemorated the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World. During the event's six month run,=2C 27.5 million people were lured to see its glittering showcase of architecture, culture, technology, and people from around the world. The event was also a bonanza for collectors! Be sure to attend this presentation as Jeff Amelse explains the collectability of entrance tickets modeled after fractional currency and printed by American Bank Note Company; the first U.S. commemorative coin, the Columbus half dollar; the first U.S. coin with the portrait of a woman, Queen Isabella I quarter; plus numerous medals and tokens that fill several books. Elongated coins were also introduced. Back then, fair goers handed over their own coin which was elongated. Although most of the coins were U.S. of small value, there are examples of U.S. silver halves and dollars, international coins are also found, and, although they are scarce, elongated U.S. gold coins also exist!

Jeff invites members to bring to the meeting their Columbian Exposition material. This doesn't have to be your main exhibit. Just lay the material out on your table and when called upon stand up and briefly describe what you have. If you can, please make a list and submit it to the Secretary. This is not to be published with your name, but the ANA Convention Committee might decide, if we have enough, to put together several exhibit cases at this summer's ANA Convention.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

December 4, 2013

The second meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday December 4, 2013 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

The following members were present: Paul Hybert, Steve Zitowsky, Mark Wieclaw, Robert Feiler, Eugene Freeman, Jeff Rosinia, Elliott Krieter, Marc Stackler, Rich Lipman and Carl Wolf.

Harlan Berk was unable to attend the meeting, but provided dinner from Reza's Restaurant and parking vouchers.

1. William Burd reported:
    a. Rhonda Scurek, ANA Director of Conventions, and Kim Kiick, ANA Executive Director, will be at the committee's next meeting January 22.
    b. The ANA Staff is busy planning the Atlanta Convention, but will have more to report at the January meeting.
2. Committee Chairman Reports:
    a. Ambassadors – Carl Wolf
        i. Plans to begin recruiting after January 1 and expecting about the same number of volunteers (80).
        ii. Volunteers are ready to sign up because we provided them with shirts that fit, plus they were provided with parking vouchers.
        iii. Beginning to think of ways Floor Captains along with 10 volunteers can specialize in some activity, such as: serving at key locations and passing along specific information of the day's activities.
        iv. Other committee members were invited to submit ideas.
    b. Scouts – Eugene Freeman
        i. Continues to receive good feedback from suburban Scout leaders and is expecting them to return with a larger contingent.
        ii. Still working on changing the hours for the merit badge program which went from 10 AM – 1:30 PM in 2013. This left little time for scouts to spend on the bourse floor or exhibits.
        iii. Trying to reach Rod Gillis, ANA Education, to discuss ways to improve the program.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Shell, Marc – **Wampum and the Origins of American Money**, 2013, University of Illinois Press, ANS.

~ Hamer, Samuel Henry – **Notes on the Private Tokens, Their Issuers and Die-Sinkers**, 1904-06, London, three parts totaling 71 pages and 9 collotype plates, originally published in the British Numismatic Journal.

~ Bathe, Greville & Dorothy Bathe – **Jacob Perkins: His Inventions, His Times & His Contemporaries**, 1943, Historical Society of Philadelphia, 213 pages, 43 plates, 6 maps, 19 text illustrations, ex New Haven Library, very scarce.

~ Gaetani, Pietro Antonio de Comitibus – **Museum Mazzuchellianum, seu Numismata Virorum Doctrina Praestantium quae apue Jo. Mariam Comitem Mazzuchellum Brixiae Servantur ...**, 1761-63, Venice, in two volumes, 885 pages, 208 plates, portrai medals from the Reaissance to mid 18th century from the collection of Giovanni Maria Mazuchelli.

~ Beazel, John F. – **United States Counterfeit Detector: Rules for Detecting Counterfeit "Greenbacks" & National Bank Notes, Making the Geometric Lathe-Work, Ruling Engine-Work, and Key to the Mystic Numbers**, 1867, New York, 16 pages and 1 plate, rare with the plate.

~ Bugert, Bill – **A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties Volume IV – New Orleans Branch Mint 1853-O – 1861-O**, 2013, Gettysburg, PA., the fourth book in a series of planned books on the die marriages of Liberty Seated Half Dollars.

c. Pages – Richard Lipman
    i. No news to report, but knows that the ANA is working at resolving several minor issues.
d. Money Talks – Mark Wieclaw
    i. They report receiving firm commitments from several numismatists who will submit in-depth presentation proposal
    ii. Trying to resolve the lack of good signage in 2013
    iii. Hoped signs could be placed on exhibits telling convention goers when and where the exhibitor would speak on the subject, but was told that signage in the exhibit area was prohibited.
    iv. Was told that the ANA is working with the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association and may recruit 4 – 6 speakers on Canadian numismatics.
e. Collector Exhibits – Paul Hybert: Nothing to report

3. Speakers' Medals – Carl Wolf
    a. Reported the cost is the same to produce medals for every Money Talks presenter in 2013, with the exception of engraved letters and freight.
    b. The Committee favored the idea of a bright copper without antique finish and asked to see some samples at the next meeting.
    c. After reviewing the costs between 100 or 250 commemorative medals, the committee favored the 250 offer.
    d. The Committee favored the idea of holding back approximately 25 of each commemorative medal, to put into a package offer at or after the 2015 convention.
4. Hotel Lodging – Bill Burd
    a. No specific report
    b. Committee Chairmen were told to be ready to submit names and dates so the ANA could make reservations.
5. Budget – Bill Burd: still open but expect Rhonda to have the figure in January.
6. Other - General discussion on interesting program ideas
7. Tentative Upcoming Meetings:
    a. Asked all chairman to set aside the third Wednesday of every month through July.
    b. January 22, 2014 at a site to be determined as the ANA Staff will attend.
    c. February 19, 2014 at the offices of Harlan J. Berk.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

January	**8**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Jeffrey A. Amelse on *Collectables from Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition*
February	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Eugene Freeman on *Love Tokens: Their History and Collectability*
March	**7-9**	20th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cpmxshow.com
March	**8**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
March	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**9**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**11-13**	39th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cicfshow.com
April	**12**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**24-26**	75th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html
April	**26**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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For this year's ANA convention, I am looking for many new exhibitors, and not just YNs. The ANA web site has pages on building an exhibit — the application and rules for exhibiting at the 2013 convention have been removed, but I expect the rules and application for 2014 should be on the web site by mid March. I was told by ANA staff that the Convention Theme has been selected, but my source was not sure of the exact wording; I mention this only because one of the 20 exhibiting classes is *Convention Theme*. In the past, each exhibitor received an ANA exhibitor medal — the obverse used the design from the front of the convention's medal, and the reverse stated that the medal was awarded to exhibitors and judges at the convention. **Remember, August 5-9!** Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1141st Meeting

The 1141st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held January 8, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 7 PM with an attendance of 19 members and 3 guests: Anne Anaszewicz, Frances Donovon, and Lorenzo Vendramin.

During a slight delay caused by the inclement weather, the Secretary announced the call from Central States Numismatic Society for exhibits at their April 23-26 convention in Schaumburg. Exhibit application forms were passed out and every member was encouraged to participate.

A motion was passed to accept the December Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported December revenue of $3,667.25, expenses of $2,614.23 and total assets of $23,149.34 held in Life Membership $2,390.00 and member equity $20,759.34. He also reported total 2013 revenue of $22,878.69, expenses of $21,209.71, showing a net income of $1,668.98. After several questions, a motion was passed to approve the report.

Following the second reading of Melissa Morsi's application of membership, a

motion was passed to accept her application.

The minutes from the Club's Board of Directors meeting of December 18, 2013 appeared in the January *Chatter*. Following the reading of the two motions needing general membership approval, a motion was passed to approve:

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President Krieter appointed Jeff Rosinia Chairman of the Club's 95th Anniversary celebration. The theme of ANA's National Coin Week on April 20-26 is "Coin and Country: Celebrating Civil Service" and a Chairman to lead Club activities is being sought.

First VP Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Jeffrey Amelse who delivered a program on *Collectibles from Chicago's 1893 Columbian Exposition*. Eight members also showed Columbian Exposition items from their collections. Rich Lipman presented Jeff with an engraved speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

Second VP Marc Stackler announced the evening's ten exhibitors. GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 5 "Lauer" jetons with Russian motifs, and a book by Igor Rudenko on the subject. DAVID GUMM: 2013 Canadian $3.00 coin in .9999 silver. JAMES McMENAMIN: Irish bank notes from Bank of Ireland and Northern Bank. MARK WIECLAW: 3 examples of chocolate money and a rare antoninianus of Pacatian, 248 AD. ROBERT D. LEONARD, JR.: 3 Viking coins. WILLIAM BURD: 4 Chicago Merchant Club Tokens of 10 cent, 25 cent. 50 cent and $1.00 value, with complimentary packets for everyone of the 10, 25 and 50 cent tokens with a history of the organization. DALE LUKANICH: 4 Iranian bank notes and the new Canadian $5 and $10 bank notes. JEFFREY ROSINIA: two ANACS graded and slabbed 1990-O Morgan dollars, one graded MS61 and a former pocket piece PO1. STEVE ZITOWSKY: Kunkels Opera Troupe (1857-61) token over-struck on a Peruvian 1788 2 reales, and an anonymous IV Century AD coin from Axum. Richard Lipman: U.S. Banknotes with unusual serial numbers.

Adjournment was at 9:14 PM with the next meeting on February 12, 2014 at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Worl[l]d
Collectibles from the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition

a presentation by Jeffrey A. Amelse,
to our January 8, 2014 meeting

The World's Columbian Exposition has been closed for more than 120 years, and it still is remembered. At least around here, and by us! Jeff's program featured slides of items found on the internet as well as pictures and information from books. He started with statistics from this big event that ran for six months, from May 1 to October 31, 1893. Daily visitors totalled 27.5 million, at a time when the total U.S. population was 63 million. Many guide books and souvenirs were acquired by the visitors — back home, they were shared or put into storage, only now to trickle onto eBay.

Except for one, the buildings on the fair grounds were temporary, consisting of a metal frame clad in a white material similar to stucco. The style was a sort of Renaissance Revival: two- and three-story buildings with windows, columns, and domes. The major buildings were located around large lagoons, and we saw pictures of gondolas carrying fair visitors. The fair site was the first example of extensive electric lighting, both internal and external. Among the photos shown from *Shepp's World Fair Photographed* by J.W. and D.B. Shepp (1893), a view inside the Transportation Building showed a large number of horse-drawn carriages. The Palace of Fine Arts was the only permanent building built on the fair grounds — it now houses the Museum of Science and Industry. The other permanent building built for the fair, but located off the fair grounds, was the World's Congress Auxiliary Building — it now houses the Art Institute of Chicago. Jeff concluded the review of buildings with a list of the costs of the fair buildings, from *Glimpses of the World's Fair Through a Camera* (1893).

The Columbian Exposition saw the introduction of a number of items, the most famous of which might be the Ferris Wheel. Food products that debuted there included Juicy Fruit Gum, Cracker Jack, Quaker Oats, and Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer. No one thought to bring samples (new or 120 years old) for our enjoyment, and I do not recall seeing any Collectibles featuring those items among the items that Jeff showed us. Jeff started showing Collectibles with the six portrait admission tickets; these were printed on bond paper by the American Bank Note Company of New York. One million tickets were printed in the first run, using four portraits to represent four epochs in New World history: Indian, Columbus, Washington, and Lincoln; these went on sale one month before the fair opened. The 500,00 tickets of the second run were printed with an "A" on the front, near the portrait. Two different portrait tickets were printed later: Ben Franklin, for his studies of electricity, and Handel, whose *Water Music* was played at many fair venues. J.P. Doolin's *1893 — Columbian Exposition, Admission and Concession Tickets* (1981) has a wealth of information on the tickets, including the lowest and highest known serial number for each type and printing of the portrait tickets. The Rand,

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McNally & Company of Chicago printed 25 million of the tickets good only for the day of sale, and they have their own digit and letter coding method to show when they were sold. Special tickets were sold for special days, such as Chicago Day and Manhattan Day; and there were tickets for children. After the Exposition closed, The Claxton Company of Chicago bought all remainder tickets, and for years anyone could buy a set of portrait, special, and general admission tickets in a small envelope.

The U.S. mint introduced commemorative coinage for the exposition: a half dollar featuring Columbus, and a quarter dollar featuring Queen Isabella. About one million of the halves were minted in 1892 (the original year for the exposition — Chicago histories of the fair do not emphasize that the expo was a year late), and four million were minted in 1893. Less than 400,000 of them sold at the original price of $1; about 2.5 million dated 1893 were melted, and the remaining two million were placed into circulation. The Isabella quarter also had problems when sold at $1 (for the same price asked for a Columbus half): of the 40,000 minted, about half were melted after the fair, even after fair managers bought thousands after the fair, as did the Scott Stamp and Coin Company.

Elongated coins were another item that first appeared at this exposition. We saw a few examples of the many coins (contemporary U.S., obsolete U.S., and foreign) that were rolled out with some legend mentioning *1893 Columbian Exposition*. For such a big event, the exposition had many medals struck by and for many organizations; the U.S. Mint even had a press on the premises to produce medals. Some medals were crude, others quite artistic; some in low relief, and some in high relief; some used allegorical figures, and others filled a side with small text boasting of the issuer; A wide range of metals were used: some silver, many in copper alloys, many identified now as in white metal (a mixture of tin, lead, and any available metal that was cheap), and many in that then-new and wondrous metal — aluminum. Although known for more than a hundred years, it had been treated as a rare metal due to the difficulty in refining it. But with a new process that used the large amounts of electricity that were just being generated, refining aluminum became an inexpensive proposition; hence its use in many medals and tokens, many of which identified the wonderful properties of the metal.

The standard reference for medals of the exposition is Nathan Eglit's *Columbiana, The Medallic History of Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Exposition of 1893*. From the medals we saw during the presentation, the most common design element must be Christopher Columbus, with buildings and sights of the exposition coming in second — but we saw fewer than 30 of the medals with Eglit numbers, while the book has more than 600. Some of the medal pictures were of lots in The Hoffman Collection auction held by Ira and Larry Goldberg in September, 2012.

Jeff concluded the presentation by showing a few examples of other collectibles produced for the exposition. We saw a few spoons with images of various buildings in the bowls, and we saw Art Glass drinking glasses with wording about the fair. Many other souvenirs were produced, such as plates and ash trays — and there are reference books available for some of these items, too. What's in *your* library?

Our 1142nd Meeting

Date: February 12, 2014

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk*. Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $29 is reduced to $6 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA), show them your parking ticket, and ask the restaurant for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: Eugene Freeman — *Love Tokens: Their History and Collectability*

A Love Token is a coin with a smoothed flat side(s), then hand engraved. Most tokens were engravings of initials; names and dates were also popular and the most scarce were sayings, prayers, and pictures. The coins were made as keepsakes and mementos from the giver to the recipient. Some bronze love tokens exist, but the silver coins,especially the 10 cent size, were most popular, probably because the engravings would oxidize and make the design stand out. Eugene Freeman and his wife LuAnn have collected love tokens for many years. Be sure to attend this meeting and hear the story of when love tokens first began, and how their use as an expression of love became very popular during the Victorian Era. Gene promises to show a great assortment with beautiful and artistic designs.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our January 8, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Gerry Anaszewicz presented jettons and a book on the subject:
    a. Five "Lauer" (German) jettons with Russian motifs, including Catherine the Great, Alexander I, and Nicholas I. He indicated that many such jettons are scarce but not expensive.
    b. A comprehensive book on the subject, *Russian Themed Jetons*, by Igor Rudenko. The book is in Russian, German and English.
2. David Gumm showed a 2013 non-circulating $3 Canadian silver coin, 7.97grams, proof. It depicts a man and a boy fishing, with their dog. Fifteen thousand were minted. A similar coin will be struck in 2014, but only 10,000 will be minted.
3. Jim McMenamin displayed two Irish bank notes:
    a. £5 from Northern Ireland, issued by the Bank of Ireland PLC. The vignette (on the back) is Bushmills Whiskey Distillery
    b. £10 issued by Northern Bank, which collapsed during the financial crisis and was taken over and renamed Danske Bank. Northern Bank was a private bank company, not a government entity. The vignette is John Dunlop, inventor of the pneumatic tire.
4. Mark Wieclaw showed several interesting items from Christmas:
    a. Two "one billion" Santa Claus candy bars: one chocolate, one peppermint bark.
    b. $100 chocolate bar from the London Mint.
    c. A $100 "star" note (latest – 2013 issue). Alas, not chocolate.
    d. A rare Antoninianus coin of Pacatian, 248 AD. Pacatian was a usurper in Moesia (present day Serbia). His reign lasted as long as a Roman candle — he was murdered by his own soldiers. Must've been something he said. The year 248 AD is also the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Rome. (An Antoninianus was originally meant to be 2 denarii, but it was quickly debased, as was the case with this one. It felt lighter than, for example, a denarius of Augustus.)
5. Bob Leonard briefed us on his recent trip to Germany for an International Workshop on *Archeology of Money*. He also showed some Viking coins coins, one of which came from the Cuerdale hoard, found near York. The Cuerdale hoard is an enormous trove found in 1840 in a lead-lined chest. It consists of jewelry as well as coins. Bob showed a book with information on the hoard.
    a. From York: a King Cnut, silver penny ca. 895-905, issued by a king unknown to history, from the Cuerdale hoard. Bob was unsure which Cnut this referred to. It is not the King Canute (Cnut) from Danish Britain (1016-1035). The center of the obverse was a cross, and the four letters of Cnut's name were positioned around the cross in the four directions as if you were making the sign of the cross.

b. From Dublin: two silver pennies, ca. 1035-1060 and ca. 1110-1150.

6. Bill Burd showed Chicago Merchants Club tokens. This was a social club, but it also served as an avenue for sponsoring civic projects, such as commissioning Daniel Burnham's plan for Chicago. The club counted among its members many leading personalities and political figures, such as Charles Dawes (VP to Calvin Coolidge), and Charles Wacker (Director of the 1893 Columbian Exposition). The token denominations are 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢ and $1. They would be used for poker and other games of chance played at club gatherings circa 1900. At the end of the presentation Bill gave each attendee a set of the 10¢, 25¢, and 50¢ tokens along with the history of the Club.
7. Dale Lukanich showed bank notes from Iran and Canada:
    a. Iran: A 1976 note depicting the last Shah, Reza Pahlavi, and his father, and subsequently 4 notes from the Islamic Revolution of 1979 and after. On the four latter notes, the Shah's portrait and watermark were masked by overprints saying "Islamic Republic of Iran" (in Farsi). Dale also noted how the exchange rate (Iranian Rials:US Dollar) went from about 75 Rials:$1 in 1976 to over 24,000 today, largely due to the effect of economic sanctions.
    b. New $5 and $10 polymer notes from Canada.
8. Jeff Rosinia scored a jackpot at the ANA. About 10 years ago he purchased some Morgan dollars, one of which he kept as a pocket piece. When he submitted it to ANACS this past August, it came back graded P01 (Poor – the lowest grade). The only silver graded lower would still be in the ground! Jeff described how some collectors now seek "low ball coins," which are coins at the lowest possible grade. At the same convention he submitted an UNC Morgan, which came back MS61. Both coins were 1900, mintmark O.
9. Steve Zitowsky showed 2 items he picked up at shows in 2013.
    a. A gold coin from Axum (Ethiopia), 4th century AD, anonymous ruler. See the photo in the "Meetings & Events" folder, under Photos, on our Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/chicagocoinclub. (A Facebook account or login is not required to view photos from our meetings.)
    b. A counterstamped 2 reales: Kunkel's Opera Troupe. Kunkel's toured in Virginia, Maryland, and DC during the years before the Civil War. They were in Baltimore at the time hostilities broke out. John Wilkes Booth was a member of the troupe for awhile. The coin itself is a 1788 2 reales from Lima, Peru, with the bust of Charles III.
10. Rich Lipman showed some interesting Federal Reserve notes:
    a. $2 with a repeating / radar serial number.
    b. $10 with a blurry, double image. He speculated that the printer could have stopped the press to fix something and then restarted, not realizing the sheet had already partially printed.
    c. $2 with a big pink kiss (lips) on the front. Rich collects notes with interesting messages: i.e., graffiti that people have written or stamped on the note.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Powell, James & Jill Moxley – **Faking It! A History of Counterfeiting in Canada**, 2013, Canada

~Juan Luis Lopez de la Fuente – **Los Maravedis de los Austrias 1516 – 1700**, 2011, Torredonjimeno, Spain, types and varieties of Castilian copper coinage from 1516 to 1700.

~Potin, V. M. – **Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg - Part II Anglo-Saxon Coins 1016 – 1066 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 60)**, 2012, Great Britain.

~Pagan, Hugh – **Grosvenor Museum, Chester – Part II Anglo-Saxon Coins and Post-Conquest Coins to 1180 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 64)**, 2012, Great Britain.

~Gannon, Anna – **Early Anglo-Saxon Gold and Anglo-Saxon and Continental Silver Coinage of the North Sea Area, c 600-760 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 63)**, 2013, Great Britain.

~Ricaud de Tiregale, P. – **Medailles sur les Principaux Evenemens de L'Empire de Russie Depuis le Regne de Pierre la Grand Jusqu'a Celui de Catherine II Avec des Explications Historiques**, 1772, A Potsdam, chez Sommer Imprimeur de la Cour, 111 fine engravings of Russian medals.

~Le Rider, Georges – **Monnaies Cretoises du Ve au Ier Sie'cle av. J-C**, 1966, Paris, 48 very fine plates, Kroh 5 star, rare.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

January 22, 2014

Following a dinner compliments of William Burd, the third meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the Fireplace Room, Rosewood Restaurant, 9241 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL.

The following members were present: Steve Zitowsky, Sharon Blocker, Eugene Freeman, Scott McGowan, Mark Wieclaw, Harlan Berk, Elliott Krieter, Rich Lipman, Paul Hybert, Dale Lukanich, Jeff Rosinia and Carl Wolf. Also attending were Kim Kiick, ANA Executive Director, and Rhonda Scurek, ANA Convention Director.

1. **William Burd** thanked everyone for attending and was given a round of applause for hosting the dinner.
2. **Kim Kiick, ANA Executive Director**, thanked the Club for all their volunteerism in the 2011 and 2013 conventions and spoke of how much she is looking forward to the upcoming 2014 convention.
3. **Rhonda Scurek, ANA Convention Director**, also thanked the Club and acknowledged the importance of the host club. She went on to report:
    a. Meeting with the Rosemont convention center and rearranging a more open rest area plus a more convenient handicapped entrance.
    b. Kick Off event is in Rosemont and will not require the use of a bus.
    c. Due to budget cuts, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will not appear at the convention.
4. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages – Rich Lipman/Elliott Kreiter** asked for the ANA policy concerning:
        i. Pages working during PNG Days
        ii. Pages standing in lines to receive limited edition numismatic issues.
    b. **Scouts – Eugene Freeman**
        i. Reported the success of 2013 as a result of promotion and the creation of a special collecting patch.
        ii. Recommended the Merit Badge Clinic start at 9:00 AM and be over in time for Scouts to enjoy the Bourse Floor.
    c. **Ambassadors – Carl Wolf**
        i. Was assured by Rhonda there would be a supply of daily parking vouchers for volunteers who work 4 hours.
        ii. Spoke of how volunteers liked the special imprinted shirts which made them feel part of a team.
        iii. Spoke of how the Registration Desk needs to be fully staffed at the opening of the first day.
        iv. Spoke of how some elderly attendees could not stand in long

lines at the Registration, came to sit at the volunteer table.

v. Told of how many convention goers would not take the 138-page Show Guide because it was too cumbersome.

d. **Money Talks – Dale Lukanich/Mark Wieclaw** expressed the feeling that attendance would increase with:
   i. Bigger signage
   ii. Time board with upcoming programs

e. **Collector Exhibits – Paul Hybert/Sharon Blocker**
   i. Asked for the Convention Theme (Countries & Currency)
   ii. Asked the ANA to set a firm ruling about the closing time and when collectors can dismantle their exhibits.
   iii. Asked for better promotion to draw Young Numismatist exhibits.
   iv. Rhonda announced there will be fewer loaner exhibits of the type available for display at club shows.

5. **Speaker Medals – Carl Wolf** announced that the Club had approved of creating 50 copper medals engraved with each speaker's name and hung by a neck ribbon.
6. **Other Topics and Suggestions:**
   a. **As 2019 will be the Chicago Coin Club's 100th Anniversary, a motion was unanimously passed authorizing the Secretary to submit a letter to the American Numismatic Association requesting the honor to host the 2019 ANA Convention in Chicago.**
   b. A request to rename the "World's Fair of Money," which is easy to misinterpret, to "National Rare Coin Convention."
   c. Since Chicago is uniquely located on Lake Michigan with a stunning skyline view, the ANA was asked to consider a Boat Tour as a future Kick Off Event.
   d. When better advertising and marketing was suggested, Kim announced that budget constraints resulted in the ANA cutting the advertising budget for the 2013 convention.
   e. A suggestion was made to hold a silent auction with the ANA Banquet.
   f. Consider having "Pop Up" education sessions
   g. Concern was expressed that attendees have trouble differentiating between the commercial and the educational aspects.
   h. The new ANA Web site was discussed.

William Burd was given another warm round of applause for hosting the event and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

February	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Eugene Freeman on *Love Tokens: Their History and Collectability*
March	**7-9**	20th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cpmxshow.com
March	**8**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
March	**12**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**9**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**11-13**	39th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cicfshow.com
April	**12**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
April	**24-26**	75th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html
April	**26**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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5 Months until ANA in Chicago

Are you ready to exhibit? If you have questions, ask Carl or other club members at our club table during the upcoming shows. The ANA web site now has the application and rules for exhibiting at the 2014 convention; just follow links on page http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com/collector-exhibits.aspx That page also links to essays on building an exhibit. A good exhibit tells a story, and we all have some stories that we share with fellow collectors; use the Exhibit Area to tell your story for the entire convention! Each exhibitor can enter up to four exhibits — refer to the Rules for that and other details. One of the 20 classes for exhibiting is the Convention Theme, which is *Countries and Currency* for 2014. I am sure a wide range of items could be presented under that theme, so get busy!

Remember, August 5-9! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1142nd Meeting

The 1142nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held February 12, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 24 members and 3 guests: Lu Anne Freeman, William Rumph, and Richard Burdick.

A motion was passed to accept the January Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported January revenue of $880.00, expenses of $471.32, a transfer of money into checking from the Life Membership account, and total assets of $23,278,02 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $21,168.02.

The application of membership of William Rumph received first reading.

Jeff Rosinia reported the educational souvenir card for the upcoming Chicago Paper Money Expo is the Illinois Michigan Canal Scrip issued in 1839 by the

Branch State Bank at Chicago. Roger Urce, New York, will speak on *Culion Leper Colony Currencies*. It was announced that Carl Wolf was appointed President of the International Primitive Money Society and their official mailing address will be 1055 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., #F-335, Chicago, IL 60660.

First VP Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Eugene Freeman who delivered a program on *Love Tokens: Their History and Collectability*. Rich Lipman presented Eugene with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon. It was announced that an email was sent to the Love Token Society inviting their members to attend. Richard Burdick accepted the invitation and traveled from Michigan at attend. Richard spoke for about 10 minutes and showed a number of unique love tokens from his collection. He promised to stay behind after the meeting adjourned and show even more pieces from his collection.

Second VP Marc Stackler announced the evening's ten exhibitors. JOHN R. CONNOLLY: 4 challenge coins with one showing an inverted flag of Poland. RICH LIPMAN: 6 large size silver certificates showing evolution of design, unusual serial numbers on $2 bills, and a demonstration on "breaking a strap" of new bills from the BEP. EUGENE FREEMAN: love tokens on U.S. coinage & a W.W.I identity token made on a 2 franc coin. JAMES McMENAMIN: Italian 1958 500 lire, and 1797 two penny, two ounce copper "Cartwheel" from Great Britain. ROBERT WALLACE: photos of tetradrachms demonstrating headwear that is misidentified in many current auction catalogs. WILLIAM BURD: 23 gold love tokens, 9 love tokens on a watch fob, love token on a silver 2 peso from Guatemala, and a medal honoring Chicago Mayor Carter Harrison who was assassinated 2 days before the close of the Columbian Exposition. WILLIAM RUMPH: medals commemorating dog shows in Hungary and Italy. CARL WOLF: book *Pigs for the Ancestors*, by Roy A. Rappaport, boar tusk used as money in New Guinea, and a special holder ideal for holding primitive money. ROBERT LEONARD: a billon aspron trachy of Isaac Comnenos of Cyrus, 1184-1191 & three references. STEVE ZITOWSKY: 8 love tokens

Adjournment was at 8:48 PM with the next meeting at 1 PM, Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza O'Hare, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. The featured speaker to be Roger Urce, New York, *Culion Leper Colony Currencies*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Worlld

Love Tokens: Their History and Collectability

by Eugene Freeman,
presented to our February 12, 2014 meeting

When Lu Anne and I got married, she soon figured out that her husband was going to go to every coin show, flea market, and garage sale that he found, and she decided that she should have her own coin related collection. She collected small gold coins for a while, then U.S. early commemorative coins, and then she discovered love tokens.

A love token is a coin or medal that has been engraved to be given to a loved one. Usually an entire side (or both sides) of the coin has been smoothed to give the engraver a larger area to work. The engraving can be crude pin pricks or gracefully curved, and may consist solely of initials or of scenes. Some of them have been cutout, and some even have stones mounted into them.

The Love Token Society is an association for collectors of love tokens. The organization holds an annual meeting in January at the FUN Show in Florida. They also produce a newsletter bi-monthly that has articles about love tokens and provides members a vehicle to buy and sell love tokens. Lu Anne was a member for several years, and we acquired several of her tokens from the newsletter.

In 1999, the company I worked for opened a sales office in London, so I spent six weeks in London over an 18 month period. On one of these trips, I took a long lunch and visited the British Museum. On display was a collection of "Transportation Tokens" which I saw, and purchased the related book.

Between 1788 and 1868, if a Briton was convicted of a crime, they might be condemned to be transported to the penal colonies in Australia for a stated number of years (usually 7 or 14). At first, only convicts under sentence of death had this option; later, as the numbers being transported did not fill the ships, convicts with lesser crimes also could be transported. One lady was transported for having stolen two scarves! A total of over 160,000 men, women, and children were transported during this period.

Between the dates of their trials, and the dates of their sentencing and transportation, the prisoners had lots of time on their hands. Many of them made or paid for tokens for their loved ones. Most of these were on British cartwheel pennies, which were of soft copper, and about 36mm in diameter, so the maker had a large "canvas" which was easy to engrave. For many, the inscriptions are pin pricks into the coin, but others are more graceful — depending upon the skill of the engraver, and the tools available to them.

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The majority of the tokens were prepared for wives or girlfriends, although some were given to aunts or other family members. One chap had seven prepared for his girlfriends, and presented four on one day and three on the next!

These are the most detailed of love tokens, since they often list names, dates, crimes, and sentences of prisoners, and many of them can be traced to records of the British courts. These are also among the most expensive of love tokens. In 1990, one transportation token brought 800 British pounds at auction (over $1,300 at today's exchange rates)!

Different sources indicate different origins for love tokens. The collector of the transportation tokens had worked for A. H. Baldwin & Sons — a very old coin and medals dealer in London — so I would accept his statement that love tokens began in the mid 1700s, as gifts from sailors to their ladies around the world. He also indicated that the sailors' gifts were usually on silver coins, and this was one way to separate sailors' gifts from transportation tokens of the same era. (This may also explain why love tokens in English are found on a variety of world coins, regardless of the language of that country.)

In the United States, love tokens seem to have exploded to fad status around 1850, and continued until laws against defacing coins were passed in 1909. (Could this have coincided with the vast migration of men to the West in the California Gold Rush?) Single tokens are often found, but there are also bracelets, necklaces, watch fobs, broaches, and pins that have been made from love tokens in various numbers. We once acquired a love token bracelet that contained 22 love tokens — all on U. S. dimes from 1872 to 1892. We wondered if this was a grandmother's collection of her grandchildren, since the last initials were not all the same.

Love tokens can be found on the coins of many countries of the world, but the vast majority I have encountered are on coins of the U.S., Canada, or Great Britain. U.S. coin love tokens are on a large variety of types, but the Liberty Seated dime appears to be the favorite host. Dr. Sol Taylor made a survey of the collections of the Love Token Society members in 1988. Of the 5,735 love tokens owned by the members who responded to the survey, 5,247 were on U.S. or Canadian coins. Of the U.S. coins, 2,952 were on Liberty Seated dimes, 270 were on Liberty Seated half dimes, 177 were on Barber dimes, and 128 were on Indian cents. No other host had more than 77 examples in the survey.

At the time that they were made, love tokens on U.S. dimes were not insignificant gifts. Compare this to the cost of newly settled land at one dollar per acre, or to the combat pay of about 60 cents per day during the Civil War, and you get more of the relative value of a dime. Consider that a gold dollar or silver dollar had ten times the purchasing power of the dime, and you understand why so few love tokens are dollars.

Although love token interest waned in the years after the law was passed in 1909, there was a boost in the production of love tokens on foreign coins —

particularly on Australian coins — by/for U. S. troops serving overseas. In the 1980s, along with the boost in interest in hobo nickels, the love tokens have become much more popular, and prices have increased significantly. Coins that sold for $3 to $6 each in the 1970s are now priced more in the $20 to $30 range, and higher. Coins with intricate designs, or with landscapes, have greater demand.

The Love Token Society was formed in 1971. Their website has a wealth of information about love tokens, and displays examples of many different ones. There is one very large collection of World War II love tokens on the website.

Members can report their special love tokens to the LTS, and they are assembling an online U.S. type set, based upon the host coins. The set displayed ranges from a half cent to 20 dollar gold pieces, and includes some territorial gold coins.

How do people collect love tokens? There are no rules; you set your own. Many people start by collecting coins with the initials of their loved ones (which can be quite challenging!), or collecting initials at random. Others specialize in the pictorial/scenes on the coins. I have tried to find love tokens on as many different countries as possible. You could also form your own U.S. type set.

Love tokens are definitely a case of "history in your hands" at a very personal level.

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Our 1143rd Meeting

Date:	March 8, 2014, **First session**
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	At the Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured speaker:	Roger Urce — *Culion Leper Colony Currencies* For millennia people incorrectly believed leprosy was a contagious disease and segregated anyone who suffered from it. So it was that the Philippine Government created in 1904 one of the largest leper

colonies in the world on the remote island of Culion. No matter the circumstances, mankind has a need for money and the Culion Leper Colony was no exception. The colony no longer exists, but the coins and paper notes issued for the inhabitants remain with us today. Join Roger Urce as he tells the story of the Culion Colony and shows their unique coins and paper notes that were never allowed to circulate among the general population. Leper colonies existed worldwide, and those who attend this program can expect to hear stories and see examples of their currencies also.

Souvenir Card: Everyone attending the Chicago Coin Club meeting at the upcoming Chicago Paper Money Expo will receive a souvenir card and history showing rare 1839 notes from The Branch State Bank at Chicago. The images of these $10 and $100 notes come courtesy of Hertiage Auction. Only 100 consecutively numbered cards will be issued. After distribution at the meeting, the remaining cards will be sold for $5.00 each ($1.00 for postage if ordering by mail).

Date: March 12, 2014, **Second session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* It appears that the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA), still is closed for remodelling. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: Dale Lukanich — *Shopping for Ancient Coins in the Holy Land*
Dale Lukanich just returned home after spending 11 days touring Israel. He traveled to Jerusalem, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, and many places in between. Throughout the trip Dale found a number of shops and peddlers selling coins. Be sure to attend this meeting and hear Dale's perspective on their ancient coin market, the condition and availability of coins, merchandising, negotiating a purchase, etc.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our February 12, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. John Connolly presented commemorative medals:
    a. Two 9-11 tenth anniversary medals.
    b. Two "Operation Iraqi Freedom" medal, with the flags of participating countries. The flag of Poland was inverted on one of the two.
2. Rich Lipman showed several bank notes.
    a. Design changes on late 19th century/early 20th century US silver certificates.
    b. Unusual serial numbers on Series 2009 $2 bills.
    c. A demonstration of "breaking the strap" using a stack of 100 $2 bills from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP). Sometimes the bills, fresh from the presses, will stick together in a stack (also known as a *strap*); a bank teller will quickly bend a new stack by about 90 degrees to separate the bills. The bills make a distinct sound when they separate.
3. Eugene Freeman displayed some love tokens, related to the featured presentation of the evening. Items (b) and (c) can be seen on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com\chicagocoinclub. There is a photo album *Love Tokens* of several love tokens shown during the course of the meeting.
    a. Love token engraved on an 1865 Seated Liberty Half Dollar, with its intact pin (to pin to a blouse, e.g.).
    b. An 1852 California Indian Head Gold Token. The previous owner marked "Fake" on the California on the holder, but was incorrect. As much as it looks fake, it is not. It is genuine: one of the later issues, made by jewelers as souvenirs. It is a denominated coin, not one of the more recent California Gold tokens that have no gold in them.
    c. A World War I identification disk engraved on a French 2 franc coin.
4. Jim McMenamin showed these 2 items:
    a. 1958 500 Lire (Italy), silver. It has the 20 coats of arms of the Italian regions, and its date is on the edge/rim.
    b. 1797 2 Penny "cartwheel," 2 oz copper from Great Britain. (A very hefty coin.)
5. Bob Wallace displayed photos of several tetradrachms to demonstrate various hats worn by Macedonians (circa Philip II and Alexander the Great) and how the hats are haphazardly referenced in auction catalogs. The hats ultimate came down to 3 styles, and were adopted by the Greeks from areas that they conquered in present-day Afghanistan and India.
6. Bill Burd had several tokens to show.
    a. 23 different gold love tokens, the host coins being anywhere from California fractional 25 cents to $3 gold. Also two silver dollars and a fifty cent piece.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

~Powell, James & Jill Moxley – **Faking It! A History of Counterfeiting in Canada**, 2013, Canada

~Juan Luis Lopez de la Fuente – **Los Maravedis de los Austrias 1516 – 1700**, 2011, Torredonjimeno, Spain, types and varieties of Castilian copper coinage from 1516 to 1700.

~Potin, V. M. – **Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg - Part II Anglo-Saxon Coins 1016 – 1066 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 60)**, 2012, Great Britain.

~Pagan, Hugh – **Grosvenor Museum, Chester – Part II Anglo-Saxon Coins and Post-Conquest Coins to 1180 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 64)**, 2012, Great Britain.

~Gannon, Anna – **Early Anglo-Saxon Gold and Anglo-Saxon and Continental Silver Coinage of the North Sea Area, c 600-760 (Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles # 63)**, 2013, Great Britain.

~Ricaud de Tiregale, P. – **Medailles sur les Principaux Evenemens de L'Empire de Russie Depuis le Regne de Pierre la Grand Jusqu'a Celui de Catherine II Avec des Explications Historiques**, 1772, A Potsdam, chez Sommer Imprimeur de la Cour, 111 fine engravings of Russian medals.

~Le Rider, Georges – **Monnaies Cretoises du Ve au Ier Sie'cle av. J-C**, 1966, Paris, 48 very fine plates, Kroh 5 star, rare.

b. A bracelet with 9 dime-size love tokens, including coins from the US, Canada and Great Britain.
c. A love token carved on a silver 2 Peso from Guatemala which he presented to Lu Anne Freeman for her collection of world love tokens.
d. A medal for the memorial to Carter Harrison. Carter Henry Harrison, Sr. at the age of 68 was assassinated on October 28, 1893, 2 days before the close of the Columbian Exposition. The assassin was Eugene Prendergast. He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death. His brother appealed the sentence on grounds of insanity. The attorney for the appeal was Clarence Darrow — his first murder trial, and the only one he lost resulting in an execution. To honor Harrison's memory, a memorial association was formed in 1897 and began raising money for a monument. For a $1.00 contribution the donor received a medal (the one shown tonight) and a certificate attesting to their participation. The medal is listed in Hibler & Kappen's So-Called Dollars book as HK-765. Chicago Sculptor Fredrick C. Hibbard, a student and later assistant of sculptor Lorado Taft, was commissioned to produce the statue which was completed and installed in 1907. Today it stands at Union Park in Chicago. Bill brought 20 medals with him and at the end of the presentation gave one to each member present.

7. William Rumph was a guest at this evening's meeting. He showed 2 medals of dog shows.
    a. (Italy) National Dog Show
    b. (Hungary) Kennel Show, from the early 1930s.
8. Carl Wolf delivered a short and entertaining talk about boar tusks as primitive money.
    a. He showed an actual boar tusk, from New Guinea, and a book, *Pigs for the Ancestors*, by Roy A. Rappaport. Boar tusks continue to be used as money in New Guinea even today, with an estimated value of about $7. Both the tusk and the book are posted on our Facebook page www.facebook.com\chicagocoinclub (see the photo album *CCC Meetings and Events*.)
    b. Carl also showed a special holder, ideal for primitive money items.
9. Bob Leonard showed a billon aspron trachy of Isaac Comnenus of Cyprus, 1184-1191 (Byzantine). The cup-shaped coin is about the size of a half dollar and is weakly struck, as most are.
    a. Isaac of Cyprus obtained the governorship of Cyprus through deceit, and then revolted against the Byzantine emperor Andronicus I. He was reviled by Greek historian Nicetas Choniates as a cruel and vicious ruler, and was ousted by Richard the Lionhearted in 1191 while the latter was on his way to the Third Crusade. Isaac died in exile in Armenia, but his young daughter, the "Damsel of Cyprus," joined the court of Richard after her father was deposed. She later married Raymond VI of Toulouse and then Thierry of Flanders. She died without issue after 1207.
10. Steve Zitowsky showed 8 love tokens related to the evening's featured presentation. They included:

a. A "hobo" South African Republic shilling.
b. An enameled 1908 Indian Head cent.
c. A British half-penny with a 1758 dedication.
d. A French 2 franc engraved with *Le Havre*, a masonic symbol, and *Dec.25.1918*.
e. A coin with a tooth design inside a masonic keystone.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

February 19, 2014

The fourth meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Steve Zitowsky, Eugene Freeman, Mark Wieclaw, Elliott Krieter, Rich Lipman, Paul Hybert, Jeff Rosinia, Marc Stackler, and Carl Wolf.

1. **William Burd** thanked everyone for attending and everyone gave a round of applause to Harlan Berk for hosting the dinner.
2. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages — Rich Lipman/Elliott Kreiter**
        i. No report to deliver
    b. **Scouts — Eugene Freeman**
        i. Reached Rod Gillis at the ANA who agreed to have sign-in at 8 AM and the Merit Badge Clinic start at 9 AM and be over by 11:00 AM in time for Scouts to enjoy the Bourse Floor.
        ii. Not planning to order more activity patches.
    c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**
        i. Reported that past volunteers were so eager to enlist for the 2014 event, they are filling out 2013 enrollment sheets.
        ii. Will have enrollment sheets for volunteers within a week.
        iii. Will email the sheet in different formats to past volunteers, and have them available for the Feb 28 – Mar 1 coin show in Tinley Park.
        iv. Will invite past floor captains to attend future committee meetings.
    d. **Money Talks — Mark Wieclaw**
        i. Some members are having trouble finding, on the ANA web site, the application to make proposals for Money Talks.
    e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**
        i. The Convention Theme is "Countries and Currency." This is exhibit category #19.
        ii. In an effort to recruit Young Numismatist exhibitors
            1. Bill Burd spoke of how the Illinois Numismatic

Association is reviewing their YN list and discussing how to interest them in exhibiting.

2. Eugene Freeman offered to include a pitch for YN exhibitors when mailing to Scouts.
3. Rich Lipman suggested the future ANA conventions consider a separate exhibit category for a Scout Troop to build one exhibit.

3. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**
    a. Ready to place the order for copper Standing Lincoln Medals with black neck ribbon.
    b. Waiting to receive quantities from:
        i. Susan McMillan on number of Money Talks time slots, then add for more since some programs have multiple speakers to receive a medal.
        ii. William Burd on number of committee members.
4. **Other Topics**
    a. Carl Wolf — suggested the Club buy 2 or more banquet tables, then resell tickets to membership and guests. Everyone agreed and Bill Burd agreed to speak to Rhonda on this and discuss how to handle discount tickets for exhibitors and Committee Chairman.
    b. Carl Wolf — asked for guidance on how to handle requests from other clubs to use the Club's digital projector. After a discussion the following was decided:
        i. Charge $20.00
        ii. Ask for and hold a photo ID/driver's license.
        iii. A member will be charged with making reservations to eliminate a conflict of schedules.
    c. Rich Lipman — asked for signage with Federal Express hours. The page booth is near the Federal Express station and dealers are constantly asking the Page Co-Chairman for information.
5. **Hotel Lodging — Bill Burd**
    a. Lead a discussion on which nights most Chairman would need. Most thought it would be Monday thru Friday.
    b. Took a quick poll on the committee in attendance as some live near the center.
6. **Budget — Bill Burd**
    a. The ANA has set aside a $6,000 budget for the local committee.
    b. The ANA will make hotel reservations for committee at the ANA Staff discount rate, then deduct that amount from the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

March 7-9 20th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cpmxshow.com

March 8 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Expo, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Roger Urce on *Culion Leper Colony Currencies*

March 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dale Lukanich on *Shopping for Ancient Coins in the Holy Land*

April 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

April 11-13 39th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website, http://www.cicfshow.com

April 12 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

April 24-26 75th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html

April 26 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

May 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Are you ready to attend? If you have questions, any questions at all about the ANA in Rosemont, ask club members at our club table at CICF and CSNS. The ANA web site has the application and rules for Collector Exhibits, giving a presentation, club meetings, and other events.

Remember, August 5-9! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1143rd Meeting

Session I of the 1143rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 8, 2014 in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Expo. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL.

With President Elliott Kreiter delayed in traffic, Jeff Rosinia. Assistant Host Chairman of Chicago's 2014 ANA Convention, promoted the upcoming event:

- Asked everyone to set aside August 5-9 dates.
- Reminded everyone the convention was as easy to reach as the CPMX, as it will be across the street from the Crowne Plaza.
- Explained how the show is the largest of its kind, hosts an area dedicated to World Mints. and offers numerous special exhibits and educational sessions.
- Dale Lukanich, Chairman of Money Talks. spoke of various educational programs and speakers scheduled, including Q. David Bowers. There are still open speaking slots. and everyone was encouraged to make a program proposal.
- Carl Wolf, Chairman of Volunteers, reminded everyone an increase in attendance is expected. The late August 2013 dates coincided with many school openings and family vacations were finished. This summer, the early August dates mean more families will attend with young collectors who need attention from local volunteers. Everyone was encouraged to sign up now — then. as the date nears, volunteer hours will be scheduled around the specialty club meetings.

During these announcements, President Elliott Krieter arrived and officially called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM with an attendance of 30 members and 9 guests. A motion was passed to adopt an abbreviated agenda.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Roger Urce who spoke on *Culion Leper Colony Currencies*. Following a question and answer period, Rich presented Roger with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

All attendees received a souvenir card written by Dale Lukanich and produced by Jeff Rosinia, with an image and history of Illinois and Michigan Canal Scrip issued by The Branch State Bank of Chicago.

The meeting recessed at 1:49 PM and will reconvene 6:45PM Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 321 S. Plymouth Court in Downtown Chicago.

Session II of the 1143rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 12, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 7 PM with an attendance of 18 members.

A motion was passed to accept the February Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported February revenue of $346.45, expenses of $207.35 total assets of $23,417.12 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $21,307.12. A motion was passed to accept his report.

The application of membership of William Rumph received second reading, and a motion was passed to accept him into membership.

The following motion was made and passed unanimously: "As 2019 will be the 100th Anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club, the General Membership formally submits a letter of invitation to the American Numismatic Association to hold their annual summer convention in Chicago to help celebrate our centennial year."

Jeff Rosinia, Chairman of the 95th Anniversary Committee, reported plans to hold a banquet August 6, 2014 at the ANA Convention and to strike a silver 2-oz round. After a short discussion, a motion was passed to support this plan. Jeff promised to report details as they develop.

President Krieter, Chairman of the Club's Coin Week efforts, is making inquiries with the Chicago Public Library for exhibit space.

Harold Eckhardt invited members to attend the April 27th Elgin Coin Club Spring Show and the May 3rd Spring Seminar of the Central States Numismatic Society.

The Secretary reported upcoming featured presentations including:

- April 12 Meeting at CICF: Constantin Marinescu "Transforming Victory from Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol"
- April 26 Meeting at CSNS: Donald Kagin and David McCarthy "The Saddle Ridge Hoard"
- June 11 Meeting: Chester Donati, a professional in security services, will cover precautions and procedures numismatists should follow.

First VP Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Dale Lukanich, who delivered a program on *Shopping for Ancient Coins in the Holy Land*. After a question and answer period, Rich Lipman presented him with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

Second VP Marc Staekler announced the evening's ten exhibitors. DAVID GUMM: Photo taken at ANA Atlanta Convention beside an exhibit of the Saddle Ridge Gold Coin Hoard. EUGENE FREEMAN: 1816B Brazilian 960 Reis overstruck on 8 Reales, 2005 Solomon Island $25 proof showing British Spitfire, and H.C. Evans & Co. Chicago token. MARK WIECLAW: Tetradrachm from Paeonia (340-315 BC), Obal from Cilicia (380-360 BC), and Denarius of L.Palicanus (45 BC). PHIL CARRIGAN: 17 issues of *The Bulletin* from

the Chicago Numismatic Society, *Daily Herald* showing his photograph on the front page. DALE LUKANICH: Athenian Tetradrachms cut to Drachm (454-404 BC), a cut Potin from Sens (NW Gaul) and cut Potin from Soissons. WILLIAM BURD: medals from 125th ANS Anniversary designed by Marcel Jovine. ROBERT LEONARD: transit tokens from the Ukrainian cities of Kharkiv, Kryvnj Rih, Kyiv, and Odessa. STEVE ZITOWSKY: "Preservando/Confederation" so called dollar in white metal. JEFF AMELSE: 9 ancient Roman Aes. RICHARD LIPMAN: 10 international notes.

Melissa Gumm commented on the frequency of unmanned club tables at coin shows and how nice it is that the Chicago Coin Club table at local shows always has someone behind their table.

Adjournment was at 8:49 PM with the next meeting at 6:45 PM, April 9 at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

March 19. 2014

The fifth meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 5:50 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday. March 19, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Eugene Freeman, Paul Hybert, Dale Lukanich, Richard Lipman, Harlan Berk, Elliott Krieter, Marc Stackler, Steve Zitowsky. Sharon Blocker, Jeff Rosinia, Mark Wieclaw, and Carl Wolf.

1. **William Burd** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Harlan Berk for providing the meeting site and hosting the dinner.
2. **Comments & Announcements — Bill Burd:**
    a. The Kickoff Event
        i. Will be held Tuesday. August 5
        ii. At the Hofbrauhaus Chicago, 1 block west of the Donald Stephens Convention Center (ad already in *The Numismatist*)
        iii. Cost is $50 per person. $60 after July 27
        iv. No discount for the committee
    b. A number of different flyers have shipped, and should be available for distribution by the next numismatic convention
    c. Commented on the half page ad by the RCNA in the March issue of *The Numismatist* and an article on Canadian coins.
3. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages — Rich Lipman/Elliott Kreiter**
        i. Only the ANA corresponds with all Page applicants, but the application is available online.
        ii. Monday is "transition day" and the committee plans to be ready
    b. **Scouts — Eugene Freeman**
        i. Passed out three flyers with dates and times for:
            1. Scout Activity Patch and Requirements
            2. Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic

3. Girl Scout Money Patch Workshop
ii. Has 380 Activity Patches on hand
iii. Continues to emphasis to the ANA the importance of starting early and finishing in a timely fashion so Scouts can visit the bourse
iv. Handled questions for the committee and comments:
1. Scouts completing the Merit Badge Clinic receive a 6 month ANA YN membership
2. Several committee members asked for the electronic version of the flyers so they could forward them into their local community.
3. Agreed that an extra carton of Red Books would be wise

c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**
i. Invited 2013 Floor Captains to the Committee meeting, but only Marc Stackler could attend. Regrets were received from several.
ii. Invitations to Volunteer were emailed. and completed forms began to arrive back with an hour.
iii. Rhonda Scurek emailed this morning. requesting several volunteers each day to conduct surveys at the exits.
iv. The goal is to recruit 100 volunteers. and expecting at least as many as in 2013 which was 83

d. **Money Talks — Dale Lukanich/Mark Wieclaw**
i. Application to give a presentation is online
ii. Requested some volunteers to direct convention goers to the room
iii. Commented on the favorable impression 2013 speakers had of the medal on a neck ribbon

e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**
i. Announced that the ANA Exhibit Committee met at the National Money Show, and announced some clarifications.
ii. Application deadline is June 20
iii. Committee recommended exhibit invitations should be given to exhibitors at the upcoming Central States Numismatic Society Convention in April

4. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**
a. Ready to place the order for copper Standing Lincoln Medals with black neck ribbon
b. Will call Susan McMillan to confirm an approximate number of speaking time slots

5. **Other Topics**
a. Authorized Carl Wolf to order 2014 ANA stickers for name badges
b. Bill Burd will follow up with
i. David Truesdell regarding a golf shirt sponsor
ii. Rhonda Scurek regarding a silent auction

6. **Hotel Lodging:** No Report
7. **Budget:** No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM, with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 12, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. David Gumm gave a report on the ANA Atlanta convention. He showed a few photos, including one of the Saddleback hoard, that included some of the coins plus the tin cans in which they were found.
2. Eugene Freeman talked about these 3 items:
    a. 2005 Solomon Islands $25 gilt proof commemorative of the British Spitfire. The coins are listed only in silver.
    b. 1816B Brazil 960 Reis. It was produced at the time that the Portuguese court was still in exile from Napoleon (although Napoleon by that time was defeated). The Brazilian silver mines were controlled by the English; so, for the Portuguese to mint coins, they struck over Spanish colonial silver coins. Meanwhile, in the US, Spanish colonial coins were legal tender, but Portuguese/Brazilian coins were not. Brazilian coins would only be accepted in the US as legal tender if one could see that it was overstruck on a Spanish colonial coin, which in fact this example shows — the reverse pillars (from the Spanish design) are visible.
    c. H.C. Evans & Co. (1892-1955, Chicago) $45.50 token.
3. Mark Wieclaw showed 3 items:
    a. Tetradrachm from Paeonia, 340-315 BC, which had exceptional detail of a rider spearing a defeated enemy.
    b. An Obol from Cilicia, 380-360 BC, with a facing head. The coin is smaller than a dime.
    c. Denarius of L. Pelicanus, 45 BC, with a rostra on the reverse. The rostra (in the Forum, next to the Senate) is where a speaker would stand to address the crowd.
4. Phil Carrigan exhibited issues of the the Chicago Numismatic Society THE BULLETIN. Issues were first produced in 1908 and were regularly published thru 1912, with publication ending in 1914. Phil had six issues of Volume I which were card covered with 4 to 8 pages per issue. Additional issues were shown from the year 1912, now published without covers. Contents for each month identified members present and new members accepted. Publications received from dealers including auction catalogs from Elder, Ben Green, Mehl, Low, and J Schulman (Netherlands).
5. Dale Lukanich discussed 3 cut coins. Cut coins are coins which have been cut in order to make change.
    a. From a silver Athens Tetradrachm, cut down to a drachm size, 454-404 BC.
    b. From a copper Potin of Sens (NW Gaul). Dale noted it is unusual, but not unheard of, to encounter a cut copper coin.

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c. From a copper Potin of Soissons (NW Gaul).

6. Bill Burd talked about some beautiful medals designed by Marcel Jovine.
    a. A 2-piece set of a medal by Jovine, who was commissioned to create a medal for the 125th anniversary of the American Numismatic Society in 1983. The design was rejected by the Council. The two uniface pieces are cast in bronze. One depicts the obverse and the other the reverse of the proposed medal. This is one of only 12 sets issued.
    b. The medal accepted by the ANS Council to commemorate the 125th anniversary was also designed by Jovine. It is in bronze and is rectangular, weighing 18.85 troy ozs. The obverse is of a minter about to strike a coin. The reverse shows a screw press and a Janvier lathe.
    c. Bill also brought the same medal as (b) above, but in silver. It weighs 15.72 troy ozs and is number 17 of 100 issued.
7. Bob Leonard gave a presentation on Ukrainian tokens, all but 2 of which were subway tokens.
    a. From Kharkiv: various translucent and opaque plastic tokens, minted in the 1990s.
    b. From Kryvnyj Rih: trolley token.
    c. From Kyiv: copper-plated iron as well as plastic tokens.
    d. Odessa: A piece that was used as emergency money during the Russian Revolution of 1917. It looks like a postage stamp (but is not) and was produced on thin cardboard.
8. Steve Zitowsky brought a so-called dollar in white metal: PRESERVANDO (obv) and CONFEDERATION (rev). The obverse and reverse designs were taken from Continental Congress paper money of 1776 ($6) and 1778 ($40), respectively. The obverse also shows a giant beaver gnawing a palm tree (founding fathers' prediction of global warming).
9. Jeff Amelse showed several early Roman bronze coins:
    a. Two Aes rude from Umbria.
    b. An As from Iberia.
    c. Another As with a fishbone pattern, from Iberia.
    d. Four As Grave coins depicting Janus Heads, Mercury, Hercules, and a tortoise.
10. Rich Lipman displayed several foreign notes to explain that you can start a world bank note collection with a very modest investment:
    a. 1 ruble — Russia — 1898
    b. 500 escudos — Cape Verde — 2004
    c. 50 leva — Bulgaria — 1951
    d. 25 Kyats — Burma — 1972
    e. 20 Customs Gold Note Units — China (pre-1949)
    f. 200 Francs — France
    g. And several notgeld from Germany, early 1920s.

Our 1144th Meeting

Date: **Wednesday**, April 9, 2014, **First session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $29 is reduced to $6 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: Bruce Perdue — *Encased Coins*

An "encased coin" is a coin forcibly inserted into a metal (usually aluminum) ring, then placed into a press that squeezes the ring to hold the coin tight. On one side, the press adds advertising slogans like "Keep Me and Never Go Broke." On the other side, advertisers place their name and address. For 10 years, Bruce Perdue studied encased coins and collected over 650 different pieces. Normally numismatists see only encased Lincoln cents inside a round disk. However, members who attend this talk will see a variety of encasement shapes including bears, bells, chamber pots, and arrowheads. His collection also includes encased large cents, Buffalo nickels, quarters, half dollars, and even a silver dollar!

Date: **Saturday**, April 12, 2014, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Constantin A. Marinescu — *Transforming Victory from Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol*

Romans frequently put the allegorical figure of Victory on their coinage. Her winged figure appears holding a wreath, a palm, and

sometimes a shield. Constantin Marinescu will trace the development of Victory inscribing a shield in Roman coinage and art. He will tell the story of how Romans employed the shield to fine tune the message of victory, how it changed as Roman military victories decreased, and became more focused on civic commemorations. Constantin will show the appearance of the Victory motif into the Christian era where she increasingly becomes associated with Christian symbolism despite her pagan origin. This paved the way for the introduction of the angel, a truly Christian image.

Constantin is a professor of art history and collector of ancient coinage. Everyone attending this unique presentation will come away enlightened to the interrelationship of art, history, religion, and numismatics.

Date: **Saturday**, April 26, 2014, **Third session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) Convention, which is held at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL.

Featured speaker: Donald H. Kagin and David McCarthy — *The Saddle Ridge Hoard*

Rare coin experts Kagin's Inc. brought to collector's attention the recent treasure find of over 1,400 U.S. gold coins with a face value over $28,000! The hoard was discovered on private property in California's gold region and is believed to be the greatest treasure ever unearthed in the U.S., with an estimated value in excess of $10 million! Kagin's Inc., the nation's oldest family owned numismatic firm, was chosen to conserve and market this unique treasure. Be sure to attend this meeting and hear Donald Kagin and David McCarthy tell the story of how and when they came to be introduced to this hoard. One seasoned numismatist called it "... one of the best stories in the history of the hobby!" Set aside the convention dates of April 24-26 and visit the show. Arrangements are being made to display a portion of the hoard at the Convention and you want to be sure to see it.

Speaker's Wor[l]d
Shopping for Ancient Coins in the Holy Land

by Dale Lukanich,
from his presentation to our March 12, 2014 meeting

I spent 9 days in Israel on the ground (11 day trip with 2 days in the air). I was looking to buy ancient coins and sightsee. We flew all night, landed in Tel Aviv, and headed right to Caesarea Maritima. I expected to see locals (children) selling coins. Nothing. (They like to use children — the adults tell them the coins are real, and the kids believe them so they tell you they are real … maybe yes, maybe no.) Nice ruins by the Mediterranean Sea, but no coins. Our home base for three days was Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee (really a lake).

From there it was stops in Capernamum, Dan, Dothan, Ein Gedi, Beth Sheam, and Mount Gilboa; we stayed in the Golan (North East) area for the three days. At one point we stopped at a lookout point about 40 miles west of Damascus Syria. We were 5 miles or less from the border, and we could hear the shelling of a town just over the mountains. Up to this point the only coins I found were at a gift shop in a museum that housed a first century boat. Most of the coins were in modern jewelry, with a few loose ones (widows mites) priced at just under $50 each. Most gold rings with coins in them were $500 with bronze coins, and starting at $1000 for silver coins set in jewelry. Many of the silver were cut down to fit in the mounts.

We spent one day at a beautiful resort hotel (The ISROTEL) on the Dead Sea. No coins again. On the last 5 days our home base was Jerusalem. I had a man stop me with a bag of 15 to 20 late Roman bronze coins, for which he wanted $250. The coins were real, but low grade and common. In Bethlehem I went into an olive wood/ T-shirt/ carpet / coin shop. The man asked me how much I wanted to invest! Common bronze ($10 to $20) coins were $200. I told him I was from Chicago and I could buy those from Harlan Berk for 1/10 of that price. He told me to buy them from Harlan and leave his store — I was destroying his business. In Jerusalem I found a few coin and antiquity shops. The prices started out high, but you could bargain down. One dealer told me I was a hard man to deal with.

Some of the better shops were: Abraham Antiquities Company, Citadel Museum shop, Tamara gift Shop, and Zak Mishriky. Zak was the friendliest shop, and was interested in The Chicago Coin Club. I showed him the website — he would like to hear from some of our members. If anyone is interested, I have his website. Security was no problem — plenty of solders (men and women) around with machine guns. My suggestion is go to Israel for the history, the scenery, and the weather (68° to 85°F every day). But go to CICF to buy your coins.

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Culion Leper Colony Currencies

by Roger Urce,
presented to our March 8, 2014 meeting

Numismatics and leprosy were only connected by the issue of Guerrilla notes for the Culion Colony of the Philippines during World War II. At least, that is what I originally thought. At the end of a seminar on Philippine numismatics that I attended, one of the door prizes was a book on the Numismatic Aspects of Leprosy. The book came to me and the light went on in my head (I am an electrician!). If special money was issued for Culion, it must also have been issued for other colonies and hospitals. Thus began my interest in this area of collecting.

Leprosy is medically and properly defined as Hansen's disease after Norwegian physician Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen who, in 1873, discovered the organisms which cause the disease. Lepers are those afflicted with Hansen's disease, who often live in colonies. The disease is typically without symptoms and can remain that way for up to twenty years. The body's peripheral nerves are affected by leprosy, which results in a loss of sensation and function, and eventual deformity. The lack of the ability to feel pain results in injury and can lead to the loss of extremities. Poor eyesight and weakness may also result. Today, leprosy is curable with treatment by medication.

The disease dates back to 4000 BC and was recognized in the ancient civilizations of China, Egypt, Israel, and India; it is referenced in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Those afflicted, because of their appearance, were shunned and isolated for it was thought that their condition was very contagious. This accounts for the establishment of Leper Colonies to isolate patients from the rest of society and to create a haven for patients to escape ridicule and discrimination. Currently 15 to 30 million people worldwide are known to suffer from the disease. Ninety percent of the population has a natural immunity, and only four percent of spouses living in daily contact with afflicted persons contract the disease. Currently, the concept of Colony is more toward therapy and rehabilitation rather than isolation.

Today, methods of transmission are still being studied, but it has been confirmed that there are no known cases of transmission by contact with currency. Originally, this was not the case. The fear of transmission, along with a need to prevent patients from accumulating enough legal tender to fund an escape, and the desire to prevent black market transactions, created the need for a special currency for use in Leper Colonies.

The first shelter for Lepers in the Philippines was in Manila. Later, Leper settlements were established on the island of Cebu and on Luzon in Neuva Caceres. After the Spanish American War, the United States selected Culion Island as a site to isolate the thousands of lepers living in deplorable conditions in the Philippines. In 1906, the first contingent of lepers was moved to the Culion Colony.

Culion is a small set of islands located in the South China Sea just to the north of Palawan. Believing Leprosy was transmitted by handling money, special coinage was minted for exclusive use in the Colony. Six issues, consisting of denominations from ½ to 20 centavos and one peso, were minted between 1913 and 1930.

The 1913 dated issue saw all six denominations, ½, one, five, ten, and twenty centavos and

one peso coins all minted by Frank and Company of Manila. All are struck in aluminum and have a caduceus as the main theme of the common obverse design along with the date and the legend "BUREAU OF HEALTH." The reverses show the value in numerals with the legend "CULION LEPER COLONY PHILIPPINE ISLANDS." According to John Grost, the half peso did not circulate — which accounts for the fact that it often is found in AU or uncirculated condition. He also reports the one centavo and other denominations are typically found in very poor condition. most likely because, unlike the half peso, they did circulate.

Due to variations in the reverse die, two varieties are known for both the one centavo and peso pieces. Type I of the centavo finds the stars closer to the legend, while Type II shows them farther away. There are also variations in the relationship of the letters in centavo to the letters in Philippines and Islands. The peso coin is known with two reverses and on thick and thin planchets, resulting in three Types. Type I has the stars near to the reverse legend (thick planchets) and Type II has the stars farther away (thin planchet). Type III has the stars farther away from the legend on a thick planchet. All three types also show variations in the positioning of the lettering as described for the centavo piece.

Aluminum was also used for the 1920 issue minted by the Philippine Mint in Manila, which minted all subsequent series. There were three denominations: ten and twenty centavos and a one peso, all of which bore the same design as the previous issue save for the 1920 date. Again reverse die variations account for two varieties of the peso. Type I shows the stars farther away while Type II shows them in closer proximity. Again there are differences in the relationships of the lettering.

The issue of 1922 saw the addition of the mint mark, a stylized "PM" (for the Philippine Mint), on the twenty centavo and one peso issues. This issue also saw the change from aluminum, which was found to deteriorate because of the tropical climate and the chemicals used to clean the coins, to an alloy of 75% copper and 25% nickel. The new alloy would be used on all subsequent issues through 1930. The reverse legend was also changed to "PHILIPPINE HEALTH SERVICE." Normal and re-cut dates are known for the 20 centavo piece, and two die varieties exist for the one peso piece. Type I shows straight/flat wings on the caduceus and the staff pointing to the second "2" in the date, while on Type II the wings are curved and the staff points between the "9" and the "2" in the date.

Only the one peso coin was minted with the 1925 date, and was of a new design. The obverse shows a bust of Jose Rizal (1861-1896), a hero of the Philippine revolution against Spain, and the legend "CULION LEPER COLONY PHILIPPINE ISLANDS". Rizal is pictured on the Philippine central bank 1944 100 piso note and Rizal's Monument is the featured vignette on the Southern Development Bank Issues of Japanese Invasion Money (JIM) issued in the occupied Philippines during World War II. The reverse features the seal of the Philippine Health Service.

In 1927, one and five centavo coins were issued. The reverse of both coins is similar to the issue of 1925, with the obverse of the one centavo again featuring a bust of Rizal while the obverse of the five centavo coin depicts Apolinario Mabini (1864-1903), who served as the first Prime Minister of the Philippine Republic (1899-1901). Mabini is also depicted on one peso wartime and victory series bank notes. Three die varieties are known for the centavo piece, differentiated by the buttons on Mabini's coat. Both Types I and II show the coat with one button. In Type I, the legend on the narrow ribbon on the reverse is legible, and the letter "s" in the shield touches the snake in the caduceus, while in Type II the ribbon is wide and the legend illegible; the snake is tilted right. The third type has two buttons on the coat, a wide ribbon with an illegible legend; the snake is touched by the letter "s".

1930 saw a ten centavo issue with an obverse featuring a bust of Andres Bonifacio

(1863-1897), a Katipunan leader opposed to Spanish colonial rule. and a new legend of "LEPER COLONIES AND STATIONS PHILIPPINE ISLANDS." The numeral "10" surrounded by the legend "PHILIPPINE HEALTH SERVICE LEPER COIN TEN CENTAVOS" makes up the reverse. There is also a unique trial strike of this issue, in bronze, which has been authenticated by the ANA. Reported, but not confirmed, due to the loss of mint records for 1930, is a one centavo piece with a bust of Rizal on the obverse. (All the information and specifications for the Culion coinage comes from the book by McFadden, Grost, and Marr.)

Assembling a complete set of the coins in average circulated condition is a realistic goal, although in my case the 1913 one peso took some time to locate. Prices for most examples are reasonable, but expect to pay over one hundred dollars for some pieces, the 1913 peso being one.

There was no other currency for use in Culion until World War II and. with the invasion of the Japanese. the islands were cut off from the central government in Manila. This created a shortage of money needed for salaries and supplies. Whatever coinage remained was reissued but funds were still short. A special committee was established in 1942 and a special issue of emergency currency was authorized; this resulted in a series of handmade notes. Using a typewriter, the notes were printed, using a duplicating machine, on two different colored papers. There were seven denominations: one. five. twenty, and fifty centavos on pink colored paper and one, five, and twenty pesos on blue colored paper. The centavo denominations are 8.25cm x 6.35cm wide in size while the peso denominations measure 12.7cm x by 6.35cm wide. All are dated 1942 and bear the printed signatures of H.W. Wade. Chairman, E.C.C (Emergency Currency Committee). Julio Lisboa. Disb. Off. C.L.C (Culion Leper Colony), and J.O. Nolasco, Actg. Chief. C.L.C. Serial numbers were applied in two locations with a hand stamp machine. The backs of notes initially issued are hand stamped using a blue colored ink and read:

The Government of the Philippine Islands
Department of Public Instruction
Bureau of Health

Initially, the notes were not well received on the island and their legitimacy was questioned as was their ability to be redeemed. After an appeal was made to Philippine president Manuel Quezon. an authorizing statement was typed and added to the backs of the one. five. and twenty centavo denominations thus creating a second issue. The statement read:

Issued by Authority of the
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
Transmitted 2/9/42 through the
Commanding General, USAFFE, Iloilo

I would speculate only those denominations which would see the most use had the presidential authorization added. The need for a timely issue would also account for the fact that not all the notes were done as the authorization had to be typewritten on each.

A dressmaker's burr was used to make perforations in the center of the notes through the area of the typewritten denomination. This served as a security device. The notes were also treated with paraffin wax as a preservative. A total value of 144,485 Pesos was printed in four lots of notes but only 92,130 Pesos were actually issued.

All issues are now available in circulated condition at affordable prices, while AU and Uncirculated pieces command higher pricing. When the series first became popular with collectors. the twenty peso note was difficult to find, as only a limited number of notes

were known. Back in the eighties, a safe was discovered on Culion; it had been in use during the war and then abandoned. Opening the safe resulted in a hoard of Culion notes, among them a large number of 20 peso pieces. This resulted in the value of the once "rare" notes dropping and becoming more affordable to collectors. It is now believed that 2000 pieces were actually printed. Quantities for the other denominations range from 14,400 for the five centavo to 20,800 for the one centavo pieces. As with the coin issues, assembling a complete set in very collectible condition is a very attainable goal.

Varieties and errors exist. Notes are known to have a missing Health stamp on the back while others are overprinted to correct errors in the denomination, the most noted of which is a "FIFTY CENTAVOS" typed over "TWENTY CENTAVOS". Another is a twenty centavo note which has neither the original hand stamp nor the presidential authorization; instead it shows a handwritten phrase stating, "This note me from me Blas B. Edep". Not much is know about this note; however, Neil Shafer, an expert in Philippine numismatics and author of a number of books on the subject, has stated he has seen this issue before but cannot provide any details.

Grost et al reports that some of these notes were used on northern Palawan, which is located only a short distance from Culion. The late researcher C.M. Nielson stated notes bearing a facsimile signature might have been those circulating on Palawan.

The series was short-lived since, by July of 1942, the Japanese had issued occupation money (JIM) and use of the Culion scrip was officially prohibited. After the defeat of Japan, the Culion notes were redeemed by the Government of the Philippines.

In addition to Culion, leper colonies existed in many other countries. As far back as 1659 a colony was created in Venezuela, and colonies were established in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Danish West Indies, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nigeria, the Panama Canal Zone, and Thailand — all of which issued special currency. Colonies or hospitals still treat patients today in India and China. *The Numismatic Aspect of Leprosy* lists these issues, as well as other leprosy related numismatic pieces, and is recommended to those with an interest in this unique series.

In addition to the examples from the Philippines, examples from Colombia and Venezuela are the most common and easiest to find. Issues from other countries are quite rare or not known in collections.

There were three leper colonies in Colombia that used special coins. Four issues were used in Agua de Dios, Cano de Loro, and Contatacion. The 1901 and 1907 series are rare, however the issues of 1921 and 1928 are more common. The common obverse design features a Maltese cross with "LAZARETO" (meaning a quarantined location as an island, a ship, or a colony) in the center, and "REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA" and the date around the rim. The reverse shows the denomination in centavos surrounded around the edge with a wreath design. The initials, "RH", believed to be that of the designer, are located under the ribbon. A number of varieties are known for the 50 centavo pieces, where some of the letters were re-cut. A two centavo piece from 1921 uses the same Maltese Cross, but the initials "RH" are missing.

The unit of currency in Venezuela is the bolivar, after Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Hispanic-America and national hero of Venezuela. Coins denominated in fractions of the bolivar were used in the leper colonies. The issues of 1939 for the Isla de Providencia have a common obverse with the legend "LEPOSERISA NACIONALES" around the edge with the colony name "ISLA DE PROVIDENCIA" in the center above the date. The reverse shows the denomination in decimal form: "Bs/0.05" and "Bs/0.12½".

The 1913 issue for the Lazareto Maracaibo has the colony name in the center of the obverse, with "LAZARETO MARACAIBO" around the upper rim; the date and two stars also appear. The denomination on the reverse is in fraction from: "Bs 1/8".

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Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

April 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Bruce Perdue on *Encased Coins*

April 11-13 39th annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday. For details, refer to their website. http://www.cicfshow.com

April 12 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - Constantin A. Marineseu on *Transforming Victory from Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol*

April 24-26 75th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society at the Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. Free public admission. For details, refer to their website, http://www.centralstates.info/conv.html

April 26 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the CSNS Convention, which is held at the Schaumburg Convention Center.
Featured Speakers - Donald Kagin and David McCarthy on *The Saddle Ridge Hoard*

May 3 A Saturday CSNS Seminar in conjunction with the Hillside Coin Club. Speakers will be Bill Fivaz, Peter Huntoon, Cindy Wibker, and Norm Bowers. Registration is required — the $10 fee for CSNS members ($20 non-member) also covers breakfast and lunch. Registration forms and details available at the CSNS convention, and also at http://www.centralstates.info/

May 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

June 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Chatter Matter

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3 Months until ANA in Chicago

With the CSNS convention over, we have only three months until the next big show rolls into town. The ANA web site, http://www.money.org, has the application and rules for Collector Exhibits, giving a presentation, club meetings, and other events. Please take advantage of this opportunity — they will not be here every year!

Remember, August 5-9! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1144th Meeting

Session I of the 1144th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 9, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 29 members and 1 guest, David Sunshine from Connecticut working as a PNG Intern for Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.

A motion was passed to accept the March Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report on March revenue of $300.00. expenses of $664.62 total assets of $23,052.50 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $21,942.50. A motion was passed to accept his report.

Under Old Business:

- Bill Burd, Host Chairman of the August 5-9, 2014 ANA Convention, reported on the progress of the Convention Committee. He encouraged members to see Paul Hybert for exhibits and Carl Wolf for Volunteers.
- Jeff Rosinia, Chairman of the 95th Anniversary Committee, reported plans to hold a banquet on evening of August 6, 2014 at the Rosewood Restaurant in conjunction with the ANA Convention and to strike a silver 2-oz round.
- Jeff Rosinia announced plans to approach public school teachers

regarding National Coin Week.

Under New Business:

- The application of David Sunshine received first reading.
- After a discussion, a motion was passed to follow the ANA Committee recommendation and endorse William K. Cross as Honorary Chairman of the 2014 ANA Convention.
- President Krieter appointed Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the December Banquet with Sharon Blocker and Robert Feiler to serve on the committee.
- A motion was passed to spend $108.00 for a newer digital model Document Viewer. The current viewer will be kept until after the ANA Convention.

The Secretary reported upcoming featured presentations including:

- April 12 Meeting at CICF: Constantin Marinescu *Transforming Victory from Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol.*
- April 26 Meeting at CSNS: Donald Kagin and David McCarthy *The Saddle Ridge Hoard.*
- June 11 Meeting: Chester Donati, a professional in security services, will cover precautions and procedures numismatists should follow.

First VP Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker Bruce Perdue who delivered a program on *Encased Coins*. After a question and answer period, Rich presented Bruce with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

Second VP Marc Stackler announced the evening's fifteen exhibitors. EUGENE FREEMAN: 1812 Mexican 8 reales, 1895 Zuid Afrikannsche Republik 2½ shillings, 1942 1 Chiao from Japanese puppet/provisional government in China, and 1933 Montana dollar used to finance the Montana exhibit at the Century of Progress; PHIL CARRIGAN: 1947 ANA convention medals in bronze, silver and gold; JEFF AMELSE: squashed cent with Kokopelli from Monument Valley, AZ, 2 varieties of "Lucky Penny" medals from the 1934 Century of Progress, wooden nickel from the same fair, and a squashed Indian Head cent from the 1893 Columbian Exposition; JAMES DAVIS: encased cents from 1934 Century of Progress, 1947 Elgin Lumber & Supply Co, and 1964 Illinois Numismatic Association convention; JOHN CONNOLLY: 100th Anniversary Medal of the Gotthard Train Tunnel; WILLIAM BURD: 1918 Illinois Centennial commemorative half dollar in a frame, 1819 British crown encased on a silver container, 1901 Indian Cent encased in a miniature frying pan, Caesar's Place 20th anniversary 3 piece set of silver coins embedded in acrylic, and 1904 $1 McKinley gold coin set into a sterling silver spoon; ROBERT LEONARD: 12 coins from the Crimea, 325 B.C. thru 2001; HAROLD ECKARDT: 2009-14 encased cents in wood from the Elgin Coin Club shows; JAMES McMenamin: 1954 bronze Stefano Johnson's Cristoforo Colombo

medal; BILL RUMPH: 1909 U.S.S. *Nashville* Medal issued by the Chicago Numismatic Society; MARK WIECLAW: 1926 25 ore from Greenland (one with and one without a hole), 1840 British 4 pence with die clash, gold solidus of Justin I (518-527 AD), and imitation gold solidus of Justinian I (527-565 AD); ROBERT FEILER: "Nucky Notes" 1933-34 scrip, 6 encased coins, 1899-O and 1882 enameled Morgan dollars, 1876 French 5 franc coin knife, 1780 Maria Theresa thaler emblematic cut-out; David Sunshine: 1896-micro-O Morgan believed to be a contemporary counterfeit; DALE LUKANICH: £10 Operation Bernhard note; RICHARD LIPMAN: chocolate coins from Sees Candies, WWII gas rationing coupons, French bank notes, a packet of $2.00 notes slashed sometime after leaving the BEP; ROBERT WEINSTEIN: 7 pieces of silver bullet money from 13th-18th century Thailand.

The meeting was suspended at 8:53 PM and will be reconvened at 1 PM, Saturday, April 12 at the Chicago International Coin Fair.

Session II of the 1144th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held April 12, 2014 in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL.

President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1 PM with 34 members and 10 guests in attendance.

President Krieter called upon different members to promote the upcoming American Numismatic Association:

- Dale Lukanich, "Money Talks" Chairman: Invited everyone to attend the largest coin show in the U.S. at the Donald Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL, August 5-9, 2014 and called for proposals to give presentations at "Money Talks."
- Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman: Spoke of how 80-100 volunteers are needed to help greet convention goers, kid's zone, prize area, provide directions to meetings, etc.
- Rich Lipman, Page Chairman: Encouraged members to enroll their children to work as pages and earn tip money by performing errands for the dealers.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced featured speaker, Dr. Constantin Marinescu from New York City, who spoke on *Transforming Victory from Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol*. Following a question and answer period, Rich presented Constantin with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

David Lisot's application for membership received a first reading.

The meeting recessed at 1:46 PM and will reconvene 1 PM Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, Renaissance Hotel

& Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL. The featured speakers Donald Kagin and David McCarthy will speak on *The Saddle Ridge Hoard*.

Session III of the 1144th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held Saturday, April 26, 2014 in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society's 75th Anniversary Convention, Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Drive, Schaumburg, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with an attendance of 83 members and guests.

A motion was passed to follow an abbreviated version of the regular meeting. The membership applications of Gary Gunderson, Richard Burdick, Thomas Uram, David Crooks, Joe Paonessa, and James Taylor received first readings.

Jeff Rosinia, Carl Wolf, Mark Wieclaw, and Rich Lipman briefly spoke on planned activities for the American Numismatic Association, August 5-9. Points covered included: proposals for Money Talks Presentations, exhibit applications, call for volunteers, activities for pages, etc.

Second V.P. Richard Lipman introduced Donald Kagin, Ph.D. and David McCarthy who delivered the program *The Saddle Ridge Hoard* which covered the recent treasure find of over 1,400 U.S. gold coins in California! After a question-and-answer period, Rich presented each with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 12, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Eugene Freeman presented 4 coins:
    a. Chinese (Japanese puppet/provisional government) 1 Chiao, 1942, aluminum. The Japanese originally coined in copper when they first occupied northern China. As the war dragged on and resources became scarce, they melted older coins for wartime use and reissued in cheaper metal.
    b. Zuid Afrikaansche Republik (South African Republic) 2½ shillings, 1895, with Paul Kruger on the obverse.
    c. Mexico / Zacatecas, 8 reales, 1812, from the Mexican War of Independence from Spain. This was a royalist issue. On the obverse is the draped-bust portrait of King Ferdinand VII and the

date. On the obverse is the Bourbon shield surrounded by MONEDA PROVISIONAL DE ZACATECAS. This, as with nearly all emergency issues of that era, is incompletely struck in addition to having much wear.

   d. Montana dollar, 1933, sold to finance the Montana exhibit at the Century of Progress. Eugene noted that this issue is hard to find.

2. Phil Carrigan exhibited 3 medals struck for the 1947 ANA Convention in Buffalo, NY. They were the same medal in bronze, silver, and gold (10 kt.). On the obverse: an allegory of "The Queen City of the Lakes." On the reverse: a buffalo.
3. Jeff Amelse talked about his trip to Monument Valley, AZ and showed southwest and Indian themed items:
   a. Squashed penny with Kokopelli (southwest figure of the Indian playing a flute) from Monument Valley.
   b. Two varieties of Lucky Penny medals from the 1934 Century of Progress. Both had an Indian head design on the obverse. On the reverse, one had a depiction of the world's fair, and the other displayed Ft. Dearborn.
   c. A wooden nickel from the 1934 fair.
   d. Squashed 1891 Indian Head Cent from the 1893 Columbian Exposition. In contrast to the above, the US Indian Cent (1859-1909) does not depict an Indian, but rather it is Liberty wearing a feathered headdress.
4. Jim Davis presented encased cents:
   a. 1934 Century of Progress,
   b. 1947 Elgin Lumber & Supply Company (with a 4-digit phone number),
   c. 1964 ILNA state convention.
5. John Connolly showed a copper medal struck for the 100th anniversary (1882-1982) of the Gotthard (Switzerland) train tunnel. The obverse legend was in Italian; the reverse was the same but in German. The coin featured a hole as part of the tunnel.
6. Bill Burd brought several encased coins:
   a. 1918 Lincoln-Illinois Centennial commemorative half dollar, encased in a contemporary octagon frame.
   b. 1819 Great Britain crown of George III encased into a cover of a silver, hallmarked container.
   c. 1901 Indian Cent encased in a miniature frying pan — a souvenir from the Pan American Expo in Buffalo, NY in 1901.
   d. Three .999 silver medals encased in acrylic, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. They are 1 oz., 1.25 oz., and 1.5 oz.
   e. $1.00 1903 McKinley gold commemorative encased in a spoon. issued as a souvenir from the Louisiana Purchase Expo in St. Louis in 1903.
7. Bob Leonard's exhibit was on the Money of Crimea, 325B.C. to 2001.
   a. Panticapaeum. Greek colony, AE 19, 325-300 B.C.

b. Cherson, Byzantine mint, 867-886 (Basil I), AE 17.
c. Golden Horde (Mongols), silver dirham, Qrim (Krim) mint, 1313/4 (Muhammad Uzbek).
d. Crimea, Giray Khans, silver akce, 1533-43 (Sahib Giray I).
e. Crimea, Giray Khans, billon para 1779 (Sahin Giray).
f. Kaffa, Genoese colony, silver asper 1421-36 (Filippo Maria Visconti & Muhammad Khan).
g. Kaffa, Genoese colony, copper follaro, 1453-75 (Bank of St. George).
h. Crimea, Second Crimea Regional Government, 50 kopeks paper stamp money, 1919.
i. USSR, 10 kopeks 1949 (Crimea as part of the Russian SSR).
j. USSR, 15 kopeks 1955 (Crimea as part of the Ukrainian SSR).
k. Ukraine, 1 hryvnia, brass, 2001.

8. Harold Eckhardt showed coins (mostly Lincoln cents, but few other small denominations) encased in wood. The Elgin Coin Club has been creating these for their shows since 2009. The next show is April 27, 2014.
9. Jim McMenamin talked about how he developed his interest in numismatics, and used as an example a bronze medal struck in 1954 by Stefano Johnson in Milan. The medal commemorates Christopher Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo). Johnson's family originated from Birmingham, England, before immigrating to Italy.
10. Bill Rumph showed a rectangular medal struck for the USS *Nashville*, dated June 5, 1909. The *Nashville* was the first ship to fire on the Spanish during the 1898 Spanish-American War. By 1909 it was in Illinois' "fleet." The medal referred to the Illinois Naval Militia. By 1914 the ship was transferred over again to the US Navy and participated in the 1914 invasion of Mexico (Veracruz).
11. Mark Wieclaw showed 5 coins:
    a. 25 ore, Greenland, 1926.
    b. Another 1926 25 ore from Greenland, but holed. To avoid confusion with similarly sized 1 krone coins, 60 thousand of the 25 ore were sent to New York to be holed.
    c. 4 pence, 1840, England with die clashing. The (young) profile of Queen Victoria can easily be seen on the reverse, as well as some of the reverse design on the obverse.
    d. Gold solidus of Justin I, 518-521 AD.
    e. A crude Visigoth imitation of a gold solidus of Justinian I, coined after that of Justinian's, 527-565 AD. The Visigoths ruled Spain at the time.
12. Bob Feiler displayed several items:
    a. Six encased coins.
    b. 1882 Morgan dollar, enameled on both sides (unusual to find both sides).
    c. 1899-O enameled Morgan dollar.
    d. 1876 5 francs (French) made into a coin knife: blade, scissors,

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~ Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Grece 1, Part 1 – **Collection Rena H. Evelpidis Athenes Premiere Partie: Italie-Sicile-Thrace**, 1970, Louvain, Belgique, French edition.

~ Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Grece 1, Part 2 – **Collection Rena H. Evelpidis Athenes Premiere Partie: Macedoine-Thessalie-Illyrie-Epire-Corcyre**,1975, Louvain, Belgique, French edition.

~ Ceconomides, Mando - Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Grece 3 – **Musee Numismatique D'Athenes Collection Antoine Christomanos Premiere Partie: Italie-Eubee**, 2004, Academie D'Athenes, French edition.

~ Psoma, S. & I. Touratsoglou - Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Greece 4 – **The Petros Z. Saroglos Collection Volume I: Macedonia**, 2005, Academy of Athens.

~ Tsourti, Eos & Maria Daniela Trifiro – Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Greece 5 – **The A.G. Soutzos Collection**, 2007, Academy of Athens.

~ Tsangari, Dimitra I. – Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Greece 6 – **The Alpha Bank Numismatic Collection, Athens from Thessaly to Euboea**, 2011, Academy of Athens.

~ Penna, Vasiliki & Yannis Stoyas – Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum Greece 7 – **The Kikpe Collection of Bronze Coins Volume I**, 2012, Academy of Athens.

~ Damali, Dr. Atom – **Osmanli Sikkeleri Tarihi/History of Ottoman Coins Sultan Mahmud II**, 2014, Istanbul.

~ Honeycutt, Earl D. Ph.D – **Philippine Medals and Tokens 1780 – 2010**, 2014, Chapel Hill, NC.

~ Bellesia, Lorenzo – **Mondete Italiane D'Oro – Catalogo Delle Monete Emesse Dal 1252 AL 1945 Con Gradi Di rarita E Aggiudicazioni in Vendite Pubbliche Volume 1: Ancona – Novellara, Volume 2: Padova – Verona Savoia.**

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e. 1780 Maria Theresa Thaler, elaborately cut out with a coping saw.
f. "Nucky" Notes $1 depression scrip, 1933-34. Nucky Thompson (Enoch Johnson) is played by Steve Buscemi in *Boardwalk Empire*.

13. David Sunshine, an intern at Harlan J. Berk and a new member of the club, brought an 1896-O (micro O) Morgan dollar. He explained that PCGS has determined that the micro "O" dollars from 3 dates are all contemporary counterfeits. They would have been produced in the early 1900s, when silver was well below 1 dollar/ounce, establishing a profit margin for the counterfeiter(s).
14. Dale Lukanich brought an Operation Bernhard £10 note, and described the counterfeiting operation as well as some of the characteristics of the fake notes. The notes first surfaced at a British bank in Tangiers, Morocco, in 1943. A full accounting of issue years and serial numbers was provided. Among the counterfeit characteristics:
    a. The seated female figure on the front is missing an earring.
    b. The dots in the design should be perfectly round, but in some cases are not.
15. Rich Lipman went over 3 themes in his presentation:
    a. Chocolate coins from Sees Candies.
    b. French notes and WWII gas ration coupons from a junk box purchase, pointing out that desirable banknotes can be obtained at a modest price.
    c. Cut notes, showing damage to currency can happen after the production process. In this case, a packet of notes at the top of a pallet was inadvertently slashed.
16. Bob Weinstein showed money from 13th-18th century Thailand. He explained their bullet money, which was made from bean-shaped silver. was placed into a bone with a groove, then hammered, and finally struck with small dies to produce a design on an otherwise uneven, rounded surface.
    a. Silver bullet money, Kingdom of Srivajaya, 1/12 baht. This was the smallest coin at 1.2 grams. This coin dates back to the 13th century.
    b. Silver bullet money, Kingdom of Sukothai, 1/6 baht.
    c. Lead weight, probably Sukothai, weighing 2.6 grams. Bob indicated that in the 13th century the Thais used a different weight system than in later years.
    d. Silver bullet money, Kingdom of Ayutthaya in denominations of 1/4 and 1 baht. Ayutthaya lasted through the 18th century. The 1 baht is 15 grams, and it became the later weight standard.

Our 1145th Meeting

Date: **Wednesday**, May 14, 2014

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk*. Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: — *to be announced*
We had three meetings with speakers last month, but finalizing the details for our one meeting in May is taking longer than usual. We will update the CCC's main web page when the details are finalized, but plan to attend the meeting since you know you do not want to miss it. remember to bring your acquisitions from the CSNS show — you could show us part of your exhibits from CSNS, or maybe even part of your planned exhibits for ANA this August.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

April 16, 2014

The Sixth meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Eugene Freeman, Paul Hybert, Richard Lipman, Elliott Krieter, Jeff Rosinia, Robert Feiler and Carl Wolf.

1. **William Burd** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Harlan Berk for providing the meeting site and hosting the dinner.
2. **Silent Auction as proposed by Harlan Berk**
    a. ANA wants to do this at the Awards Banquet
    b. Susan McMillan will contact Harlan this week to begin discussing details.
3. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages — Rich Lipman/Elliott Kreiter**
        i. The application is up and running on the ANA web site
        ii. Applicants are to be 13-22 years of age
    b. **Scouts — Eugene Freeman**
        i. No changes to report over last month
        ii. One Girl Scout troop of 9 has registered to attend
    c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**
        i. 42 volunteers signed up
        ii. Asked to be kept informed by other committee members as to a special U.S. Mint issue and if it will require some crowd control. This lead to a discussion on better ways the Mint could handle distribution.
        iii. Another member pointed out that crowds at registration are a captive audience and perhaps Volunteers could perform some service.
    d. **Money Talks — Bill Burd in absence of Dale Lukanich**
        i. A number of applications were distributed among dealers at the recent Chicago International Coin Fair in Rosemont.
        ii. The speaker at the Club's CICF meeting was Constantin Marinescu from the New York Numismatic Club, and he took additional applications back to New York.
        iii. The application is posted on ANA's web site.
    e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**
        i. Two national volunteers can only work a limited amount,

so another volunteer needs to be recruited to work checking in exhibitors on Monday from Noon-6PM.

ii. The posted schedule has an error as to the People's Choice Exhibit balloting.

4. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**
   a. Susan McMillan from the ANA confirmed the same number of Money Talks speaking spots, and expects some to include two speakers.
   b. The order of 50 is the same as 2011 and 2013.
5. **Bill Burd**
   a. **Hotel Lodging**
      i. 43 room nights are booked
      ii. The Chairmen are booked Mon – Fri night
      iii. Paul Hybert (exhibits) is booked 7 nights
      iv. Sharon Blocker (exhibits) is booked 6 nights
   b. **Budget**
      i. $6000 Total
      ii. $3900 Hotel Rooms
      iii. $2100 sent by ANA to the Club for miscellaneous expenses
   c. **Parking Passes**
      i. ANA will provide 40/day from Tuesday – Saturday
      ii. Bill will look into getting another 40 for Monday
   d. **Miscellaneous**
      i. Rhonda is still working with the U.S. Postal Service
      ii. There is a sponsor for a security room every day from 5:30 PM – 8 AM
      iii. The VIP Registration form was explained
      iv. Bill had requested 2-3 Award Banquet tables to be reserved for Club members.
      v. The ANA will attend the upcoming Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Schaumburg, IL. They will bring literature and flyers, and leave any unused material with the Club table.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Encased Coins

a presentation by Bruce Perdue,
to our April 9, 2014 meeting

Bruce has a passion for collecting encased coins. There are many ways to collect these pieces, and for his collection, Bruce decides whether or not a piece is appropriate. The simplest encasing is a metal washer (commonly aluminum) into which a coin fits with maybe a little extra space; the washer is squeezed between two dies that impart a design to the washer and expand the metal so as to firmly hold the coin. The designs usually are for advertising, or wishing the holder Good Luck.

The earliest known encasements were from the 1901 Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Was that the first usage? Probably, but remember that the early days of this area are not extensively documented. Bruce started with a 1901 Indian Head Cent encased at this exposition. The obverse of the washer says GOOD LUCK and KEEP ME AND PROSPER, and shows a four leaf clover, a horseshoe, and a wishbone. The reverse identifies the exposition and states 20TH CENTURY PENNY; very appropriate as the first year of the twentieth century was 1901. Another round expo piece features a dust pan on the reverse — this is a pun, tieing PAN American and a dust PAN. Another PAN pun piece followed — it is not just a flat round encasement — it is a frying pan with a handle and upraised rim! That was followed by another round Good Luck 1901 exposition encasement, but here the cent is located offset from the center of the piece.

Still more 1901 Pan Am pieces reside in Bruce's collection. A celluloid piece says I AM NEVER BROKE and LUCKY SOUVENIR on the obverse celluloid ring, around the obverse of the 1901 cent, while a photo of the expo's Temple of Music appears on the celluloid reverse — the reverse of the cent does not appear, the photo covers the complete circular reverse. This building is historically significant, as President McKinley was fatally shot on its steps. Bruce broke the monotony of circular pieces by showing a wishbone shaped piece, still with a 1901 cent showing some red and luster. The last 1901 expo piece we saw was a round LUCKY PENNY POCKET PIECE with two horizontal wishbones forming the frame around the reverse of the cent, while the obverse was centered in a raised heart shape. With all these styles of pieces issued for the same event, is it any wonder that some might search for pieces from an earlier event?

Pieces have been issued in a range of sizes, shapes, and materials, with coins from many nations (but mostly the United States). Round pieces can vary from 20 to 50 mm in diameter, with 35 mm the most prevalent. Pieces made of brass, wood, plastic, and steel are known. With some searching, a wide range of shapes can be

found — after showing some shaped as horseshoes, Bruce showed Teddy Bears, a Bee Hive, oval, a Bell, and even a loaf of bread. The Mead's Fine Bread piece is from a large bread company located in the southwest part of the US in the mid 20th century; after it drove competitors from business, it lost a big anti-trust lawsuit in the 1950s. Bruce showed a list of about ten known Teddy Bear designs, most from the early 20th century, but a 2005 piece is from the UCLA Bruins. A beautiflly designed piece, in great condition and with an Indian Head Cent, is from Kolb's Bakeries of Philadelphia for its "Teddy Bear" Bread. Bruce told us it seems that a descendant of the bakery's owner recently found a box of these pieces, and they slowly appear on eBay for about $100 each.

After collecting these for awhile, or attending this talk, you can learn little, interesting characteristics. The majority of pieces from Washington, DC are horseshoe or bell shaped, and mostly state SOUVENIR — there are not many commercial pieces from Washington. A horseshoe shape encasement is not found around a foreign coin; must be a U.S. thing. If you are looking for humor, keep your eyes open and you might find a 5¢ from Netherlands Antilles (a square coin) in a round encasement bearing the legends SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLD and THINKING INSIDE THE CIRCLE. Or maybe something else will catch your eye.

Condition of the encasement and the coin are important to collectors, as is originality — is this coin the original one? Hold the piece to a light source; if a sliver of light appears, the coin likely is a replacement.

When you decide what is or is not an encasement, you have the flexibility of adding to your collection neat pieces that others might not accept. Consider a Morgan Dollar on a money clip; if you accept the bezel as an encasement, add it to your collection. A pocket watch built around a Walking Liberty half dollar? A group of coins embedded in a plastic block? Collect it if it appeals to you!

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Transforming Victory: From Pagan Goddess to Christian Symbol

by Constantin A. Marinescu,
presented to our April 12, 2014 meeting

In modern visual culture an angel is generally depicted as a young woman with wings. However, in literary sources angels are described as male, whenever they appear in human form. This paper explores the history involved behind our modern perception of angels, tracing the transformation of the pagan goddess of victory into a Christian angel.

Among the ideas the Romans personified with great enthusiasm was victory, the end result of the empire's military prowess. Victory had for long been given human form, a beautiful woman with large wings, and this form was maintained and carefully developed by the Romans. In fact it is the goddess Victoria, victory personified, that becomes a great staple of Roman art, appearing virtually in every artistic context, from the imposing triumphal monuments, to bronze household statuettes, and very frequently on coins. The focus of my analysis will be a certain visual type where the goddess inscribes a shield, a type created and popularized in the early empire, and one that became so successful that it survived the transition to Christianity when all visual references to paganism where harshly rejected and disappeared from public view. Aspects of this problem have certainly been examined before, but I hope to offer an overall perspective on the development of this motif from Roman through Byzantine times.

It was during the reign of Augustus, truly a master of propaganda at every level, that Victoria appears in novel combinations on coinage. Perhaps the most popular association is Victoria with the *clipeus virtutis*, a round shield, generally inscribed either "CL.V" or "SPQR." The *clipeus virtutis* was one of several special awards presented by the Senate to Augustus, a golden shield that enumerated the emperor's much praised qualities of "*virtus*," "*clementia*," "*iustitia*," and "*pietas*." Closely associated with the *clipeus virtutis* is the *corona civica*, a military award given to a soldier for saving a man's life in war. The *corona civica* has a specific symbolic meaning for Augustus as it was given "*ob civis servatos*," "for saving citizens," that is for bringing Rome's bloody Civil War to an end.

Augustus' successors remembered the *clipeus virtutis* well and it continued to appear on coinage, including a gold quinarius minted under Claudius ca. AD 41-42. The coin depicts Victoria flying left, the *clipeus virtutis* at her feet, almost as if she was engaged in a basketball match. Similarly, on a provincial emission of Nero from Caesarea in Cappadocia (a silver hemidrachm), Victoria adapts a new pose, standing with her foot on a globe, writing on a shield. There is a virtual anticipatory note to all of this, since there is nothing recorded on the shield, as befitting an emission for a new emperor with no military events to boast of.

It is during the Civil Wars of AD 68-69 that the motif showing Victoria inscribing her shield reaches great popularity. Attested in a very tentative way in Galba's coinage, the type takes off under Vitellius when it is minted from January to December of 69 in great numbers. Here the image is coupled with the legend "VICTORIA AVGVSTI" — "the victory of the emperor" — and stands with her foot on a helmet, the shield propped up on a palm tree. The goddess steadies the shield with her left hand and writes on it with her right. The inscription is always the same, an abbreviated version of "*ob cives servatos*," a combination of text and shield form that immediately recalls Augustus' *clipeus virtutis* and its symbolism of rescuing the Republic from Civil War. Vitellius hence presents himself as a new Augustus, hoping to bring about the end of a new Civil War.

But that was not to be, as Vitellius was eliminated and replaced by Vespasian, the able commander of the legions in the East. Appropriately at the beginning of his reign, Vespasian makes the same claims as Vitellius, taking over the VICTORIA AVGVSTI type and in his turn also associating himself with Augustus' achievements. Soon after, through a number of gradual changes, the type is altered by the addition of a mourning female captive below the palm tree and an eventual elimination of the shield's Civil War-specific motto. The mourning woman, another personification, symbolizes the vanquished province of Judaea at the end of the Jewish Wars, and thereby alters the message delivered by the coin — the old victory in Civil War is replaced by a victory against a foreign people. The Judaean woman served as a sort of name tag added to Victoria to signal a specific victory over a specific people.

Ethnicity of the defeated as reflected in the shield motto becomes a norm in the Roman art imagery of the empire. Perhaps the most memorable are the emissions of Trajan commemorating his victory in two wars against the Dacians. Appearing on silver and bronze coins, Victory inscribes a shield that is manipulated in various ways. On silver denarii, she first appears with an uninscribed shield at the beginning of Trajan's rule, then subsequently holds a shield on which DA/CI/CA is written. The DACICA coins begin to be produced after Trajan celebrates his first triumph in the Dacian Wars sometime in AD 103 and may well have been continuously produced through the remainder of his reign.

The large bronze emissions, the sestertii, introduce a new typological variant where the goddess stands upright, and is shown from a distinctly more frontal viewpoint. She is still stepping on a helmet with her left leg, but is no longer bent over the shield, nor is she writing. She has already finished the job, a point made explicit by her right hand that is now pulled back away from the shield. The motto inscribed is "VIC DAC" — "Victory over the Dacians." The success of this image is confirmed by its presence on Trajan's column where the goddess appears halfway up the spiraling relief, inscribing her shield. Large scale works of sculpture were also made, and the magnificent bronze figure of Victoria from Brescia is a case in point, suggesting that statuary may well have served as the prototypes for those engraving coin dies.

It is the last Antonine emperor, Commodus, who introduced something new to the design, namely a new shield motto. You see it here inscribed on the shield as "VO DE," a reference to the *vota decennalia*, the successful completion of ten years of rule. In the Roman world custom dictated the taking of vows at the ascension to the throne. Known as the *vota publica*, these were promises to the gods which would be fulfilled at the end of a specific period. This type of celebration, a rather complex process, becomes extremely popular in the late Roman period, and this is the first instance where it is incorporated into the Victoria with shield design. It should be emphasized that the *vota publica* is a civic type of commemoration, essentially a jubilee of rule celebrated customarily every ten years. Thus it marks a fundamental change in the meaning of victory, moving away from a distinctly military achievement to a more political one

During the second and third centuries both military and civic victories continue to be celebrated, sometimes even combined together into one type. It is during the early fourth century under Constantine that there is a resurgence of this motif not only on coins, but also on architecture. The Arch of Constantine, the last triumphal arch to be built in Rome, includes images of victories inscribing or standing by a large shield. On Constantinian gold solidi the motif is shown both with military and civic connotations. For instance, an aureus from Trier has victory inscribing VICTORIA AVG on the shield, while the legend of the coin makes reference to the *vota publica*: VOTIS V MVLTIS X. This formula acknowledges the successful completion of 5 years of vows and looks forward to the next round at the ten year mark. As such the shield becomes a mirror of dynastic success, a chronological link between what has been achieved and what is expected.

It should be underscored that there is absolutely nothing Christian about the Victoria designs on Constantine's coins, and as the empire became more Christianized the image of a pagan goddess continued to be prominently displayed. Sometime in the 360s the design may have come to be regarded as somewhat "risqué" and during the reigns of Valentinian I (AD 364-375) and Valentinian II (AD 375-392), on solidi from Antioch, the imagery incorporates a Christogram floating immediately below the shield that still proclaims the *vota*. This is an awkward visual composition, the Christogram resembling something akin to a mintmark rather than an important feature of the design. As a result, shortly thereafter and appearing first on the coinages in the name of the ladies of the imperial household, the Christogram is moved onto the shield, with Victory carefully at work engraving it, while still seated on a pile of arms (such coins include solidi of Galla Placidia minted ca. AD 422 in Ravenna). The legend proclaims "SALVS REI PUBLICAE" — "the health of the state," now assured by the Christian symbol on Victoria's shield.

Sometime around AD 420-423, during the reign of Theodosius II (AD 402-450), the principal type of the gold coinage shows a standing Victoria facing left, fully draped and with her hair pulled up in a chignon, holding a cross, a design often seen as commemorating the jeweled cross erected by the emperor on Golgotha. Victoria inscribing the shield is now relegated to the semissis, and a standing, three quarters facing Victoria graces the tremissis. The entire parade of Victories on various denominations continues in Byzantine gold coinage and can be seen on issues from the reign of Anastasius (AD 491-518).

Suddenly, however, during Justin I's reign (AD 518-527) a drastically new type appears, a winged figure, standing and fully frontal, looking straight out towards the viewer, wearing a closely cropped hairdo and holding a cross and a cross-topped orb (referred to as a "*globus cruciger*"). The legend proclaims — yet again — "VICTORIA AVG," but visually the figure bears only a superficial resemblance to what we have come to know as Victoria. Generally shown as puppet-like, somewhat androgynous and with a schematic cartoon-like face, Justin's beings are undoubtedly meant to be angels, as they resemble what are

actual angels in other works of art, including an ivory diptych now in the British Museum (which is slightly later, possibly dating to the reign of Justinian). It may well be that the new figure, the "angel," provided an easy transition from the well-established tradition of pagan winged figures into a more politically correct world of Christian beings. Although Justin's angel is genderless, it is winged, it holds many of the attributes that were also held by Victoria, and it still is labelled "VICTORIA AVGVSTI" in the coin's legend. It thus becomes a type of polyvalent image, one that could be interpreted in different ways, depending on the inclinations of the viewer. Ultimately, this was a very effective solution for coins, a medium that had to appeal to all in order to function properly.

Winged figures are for the first time removed altogether from coinage during the reign of Tiberius II Constantine, AD 578-582, being replaced by a series of cross based designs. On the solidus's reverses is now a cross potent on a stepped base, perhaps a reference to the monument erected on Golgotha, while the semissis features a cross on a globe and the tremissis simply a cross. The legend on the solidus continues to be "VICTORIA AVG," while the smaller denominations feature a variant "VICTOR TIBERI AVG."

For a very brief period during the reigns of Maurice Tiberius (AD 582-602) and Phocas (AD 602-610) the angel returns to the solidus. The dancing Victoria is now upgraded as a device for the semissis, while a cross remains on the tremissis; Victoria with shield is entirely eliminated from the numismatic repertoire. After AD 610, the coinage of the Heraclii reintroduces the cross types and winged figures disappear from Byzantine coinage. Only after centuries do Archangels make a comeback, but when they do they are clearly identified as such.

I hope that in tracing the development of Victory inscribing a shield on coinage from the Roman world into the Byzantine era I have drawn attention to several important issues. First, that from the reign of Augustus onward, Victoria with shield was closely associated with the emperor and his persona. Second, that the shield itself became a very flexible visual format that could be readily adapted to manipulate the message that was presented — victory could thus commemorate a specific military campaign against an enemy, or represent a more general expression of the emperor's military might. Third, that the imperial association and the flexibility of the design was such that it was preserved in Christian times and gradually adopted to include symbols of the new faith. And finally, perhaps most important of all, is that a winged figure is ultimately a winged figure and its interpretation could be determined to a large extent by the beliefs of the viewer, an interpretative process that in itself is very pagan. Today, when we look at popular culture images of angels it is the visual tradition of the pagan Victoria that we see preserved rather than that of the Byzantine world.

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

May 3 A Saturday CSNS Seminar in conjunction with the Hillside Coin Club. Speakers will be Bill Fivaz, Peter Huntoon, Cindy Wibker, and Norm Bowers. Registration is required — the $10 fee for CSNS members ($20 non-member) also covers breakfast and lunch. Registration forms and details available at the CSNS convention, and also at http://www.centralstates.info/

May 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

June 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Chester Donati on *a security program, details to be announced*

July 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - David Greenstein on *Coin Doctoring and Conservation — The Great Debate*

August 2-4 PNG/ANA Numismatic Tradeshow. Admission by invitation or $6; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.com/

August 5-9 ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members — for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com

August 6 Chicago Coin Club 95th Anniversary dinner, with members of the New York Numismatic Club, in Rosemont. This is **not** a full meeting — it is a social gathering for members of the two clubs (and their guests): reception starting at 6PM, and dinner starting at 7PM; not yet decided if there will be a speaker and program. *Full details will be announced.*

August 9 CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

August 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Chatter Matter

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This is the last *Chatter* issue before the ANA's deadline to submit your Collector Exhibit application — the completed application has to be received at ANA by June 20. The ANA web site, http://www.money.org, has the application and rules for Collector Exhibits, giving a presentation, club meetings, and other events. Please take advantage of this opportunity — they will not be here every year!

Carl Wolf is looking for volunteers to work during the show. He anticipates a free daily parking voucher for each volunteer who works at least four hours on that day. Contact Carl at carlwolfco@msn.com for more details — we do not need to know your schedule now, so email Carl before you forget.

Remember, August 5-9! Email any questions and comments to chatter_editor@yahoo.com and someone from the local committee will respond.

Minutes of the 1145th Meeting

The 1145th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 14, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 20 members and 3 guests: Adam Olszewski, Chuck Prock, and Jenny Fukumoto.

A motion was passed to accept the April Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report on April revenue of $2872.80, expenses of $2242.19, total assets of $25,294.69: held in Life Membership $2.110.00 and member equity $23,184.69. A motion was passed to accept his report.

The applications for membership of David Sunshine, David Lisot, Richard Burdick, Thomas Uram, David Crooks, Joe Paonessa, James Taylor, and Gary Gunderson received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The application of Adam F. Olszewski received first reading. With regret it was reported that Quentin Burrows and Mike Radojcic will not renew their membership.

Under Old Business:

- Bill Burd, Host Chairman of the August 5-9, 2014 ANA Convention,

reported on the progress of the Convention Committee and announced the next committee meeting 6 PM, May 21, Offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago.

- Jeff Rosinia thanked Carl Wolf for recruiting Donald Kagin and David McCarthy as speakers on the *"Saddle Ridge Hoard* at the Club's recent meeting held in conjunction with the Central States Numismatic Society Convention.
- Jeff Rosinia, Chairman of the 95th Anniversary Committee, reported plans to hold a banquet on Wednesday evening of August 6, 2014 at the Rosewood Restaurant in conjunction with the ANA Convention. He showed a proposed medal design showing an image of the Ferris Wheel from the 1892 Columbian Exposition. Plans call for a 2" medal with 95 struck in bronze. A 2.5 oz. silver and 4 oz. gold medal will be available by pre-order only.
- Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the December Banquet, had no report.

Jenny Fukumoto with Amos Press/*Coin World* spoke to the Club about their new offices in Downtown Chicago, the revamping of their web site. and tablet applications.

Elliott introduced featured speaker Rich Lipman who delivered a program on *Graffiti Twos: An Analysis of What People Have Written or Stamped on Two Dollar Bills*. Many comments followed and Elliott presented Rich with an engraved Club speaker's medal suspended from a neck ribbon. The ANA Educational Certificate will follow.

Club Director Steve Ambos announced the evening's ten exhibitors. JOHN CONNOLLY: anniversary medal from the recent CSNS Convention. DAVID GUMM: items acquired at the recent EAC convention. EUGENE FREEMAN: a Papal States coin, and one from the Isle of Man. ROBERT LEONARD: 3 coins (circa 943-977 AD) from Fecamp Hoard. SHARON BLOCKER: Four $2 bills from retirement parties for her husband. MARK WIECLAW: three ancient coins. BILL BURD: two gold medals. RICH LIPMAN: paper money from the U.S. and other countries. DALE LUKANICH: 19th century financial paper from around the US. HAROLD ECKARDT: paper money signed at the 2011 ANA convention — he also thanked the Club for supporting the recent CSNS Seminar in Hillside.

Mark Wieclaw reported that Harlan Berk was hospitalized after suffering an accident at his Michigan farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM. The next meeting will be 6:45 PM, Wednesday, June 11, at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d
The Saddle Ridge Hoard

a presentation by Donald H. Kagin and David McCarthy,
to our April 26, 2014 meeting

This story starts with a couple from the gold country of northern California, let's call them "John" and "Mary," walking their dog on the far reaches of their property — using the same path as they had for ten years. They had found metal objects, such as tools and bullets, on their property in the past, so they were not shocked when they saw part of a rusty can sticking out of the ground. They used a stick to scrape away the earth, noticed both ends were still on the can, and they soon freed it. It was heavy carrying it to their house, and the only thing that John could think of was lead paint; until part of the lid broke off, and they saw the rim of a gold coin. They returned to the site with a small shovel and, a foot away from where they had found the first can, they found another group of coins within the remains of a half disintegrated can. They found a total of eight cans in the general area, over time and using more advanced equipment and techniques.

After taking about 25 coins from the first can and rubbing off the dirt, they realized they were leaving marks. So they stopped that and placed each coin in its own plastic bag; then they decided to rebury the coins under their woodpile, but now in a plastic cooler. Next they called in an attorney, to help them determine what needs to be done when finding gold coins. Kagin's soon received a phone call from that attorney who mentioned his clients had found some gold coins. Coin dealers do get those phone calls, and they usually ask a few simple questions; but this lawyer was not giving up many details: **How many coins?** *Can't say.* **What are they?** *U.S.* **What era?** *Can't say.* And a non-disclosure agreement was desired by the lawyer.

Details were eventually exchanged, and an agreement to work together was reached. David showed us a picture of an 1883-S double eagle in his hand, the coin mostly covered in mud and rust, but with a beautiful surface showing in one area. Then he showed the same coin after the foreign material had been removed — a delightful coin!. This story would repeat itself many times with David showing Don a coin whenever he found one that exceeded the condition of finest known for the date and mint, even finer than one in the Smithsonian. But conserving the coins, all performed in house at Kagin's, took months. (We asked what particular steps they used, but that info is confidential.) The final tally showed coins dated from 1847 through 1894: four half eagles ($5), 50 eagles ($10), and 1373 double eagles ($20), with a face value of almost $28,000. About 95% were from the San Francisco Mint, with the rest from Dahlonega, New Orleans, Carson City, and Philadelphia. A brief summary of the double eagles included an 1866-S with Motto as well as a no-Motto (graded

MS62), an 1877-S graded MS65, and an 1890-S MS66+ prooflike; it was mentioned that the 1892-S coins appeared greener than the coins from other years, probably due to some slight change in the alloy.)

The next task was to tell the story. John and Mary were afraid that, maybe, people with guns and shovels would arrive at their property if details became known. But how can a story be told when the finders used psuedonyms, no location was available, and the only pictures were of rusty cans and nice coins? That is the wrong approach — they are not rusty cans — they are pots of gold! Think of instant riches and GOLD! It turned out that a story about stacks of gold coins found buried in the gold country could stand on its own. Kagin's sent a press release to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the AP, and others; within an hour, there were camera crews at their office; within another hour, network crews arrived. The story was presented for eight days and nights on various programs.

On the second day after the announcement, the office started receiving calls suggesting who might have buried the coins: Black Bart, Jesse James, Southern Sympathizers, and others. Someone thought of Walter Dimmick, convicted of stealing $30,000 in gold coins from the San Francisco Mint in 1901, and an outdoors magazine ran with that story. It was probably a hectic and crazy time, but Don and David were smiling as they told us about it. We probably will never know the real story, but the simplest scenario can be stated as, "Have a good year, bury another can." The land ownership records were examined, but nothing jumped out. The spot is fairly remote on John and Mary's property, near the boundary lines with a few other properties — someone from the area could have easily slipped onto the property without being noticed.

The final task was to sell the coins. After a number of meetings, it was decided to sell most of the coins on the collectibles area of Amazon. Maybe this story will develop new collectors. The plans include a booklet for each sold coin, as well as a photo book about the hoard. The coins will be offered at fixed prices starting early on May 28, 2014 (just after midnight, Eastern time). To help raise funds to restore the San Francisco Mint building that was built in 1874, the kickoff event will take place in that building late on May 27, and will feature the auction of a Saddle Ridge Hoard 1874-S double eagle — all proceeds from that coin will go towards the building's restoration fund.

Although no credible claim for the coins has surfaced since the story broke, new pieces of information have surfaced. While under the bright lights of the camera crews, David noticed a faint trace of the word golden embossed on a rusted lid; it matches the design of a Golden Gate brand can of baking powder from the late 1880s. In response to a question about the possibility of other large hoards waiting to be discovered, Don related that within a week of the announcement, metal detectors were sold out in many places — and not just in California — even in a location as far away as Baltimore.

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Seeking Volunteers

by Paul Hybert

As many of you have heard, the ANA has been developing a new web site. The first step, to replace the "membership database" should be complete by the time you read this; you are using the new stuff when you log into the current money.org ANA web site. A new ANA web site is being developed at a separate URL, and the preliminary in-house testing should be complete by early June — then a few more people will try to break things for another week, and soon after the *beta* site should be ready for some public testers.

I am looking for some volunteers to help bang away at beta.money.org as public testers. Please contact me at chatter_editor@yahoo.com if you are willing and able — a password will be required to access the beta version for awhile.

In early 2013, a small local group went at the ANA's Show App for Android and Apple; the ANA pulled that App soon after we submitted a report. Most organizations have moved to make their website serve both purposes platforms instead of doing a web site and a separate App, and that is the direction the ANA is taking. The new web site should work on all current devices. The new web site should work on all current devices.

I am looking for volunteers with a range of browsers, access speeds, and devices. The goal is to identify broken and missing parts, usability issues, and even spelling errors — in other words, whatever is broken (and will be quickly fixed). Sorry, but this is not the venue for "I do not like the color scheme."

The web site for the Chicago Coin Club is sufficient for us, but it is very simple: no logins, everyone can see everything, and only the webmaster can add, remove, or change anything. The ANA website has logins, your login level controls what you can see and do, and there will be places for you to add content (and possibly specify what level is needed to view each piece of content). There will be blogs and forums — I have not used such things on other sites, so I am not aware of what might be possible with them — the ANA site should provide details on what you can do functionally and what tools (if any) you will need — I am looking for volunteers to try things within the stated scope — suggestions as to a larger scope are welcome, but realize that redesign is for a later date — and let us know of anything that does not work as stated.

Our club representative to ANA should be able to update our club's info on the web site — can this be tested soon, with existing password, or will information have to be *refreshed* with ANA? There will be a page for identifying coin images submitted by visitors — do our experienced members have a coin that stumps them, or, even better, are they willing to identify images submitted by others? Only by trying all of the offered features can we determine what we can

achieve now, and identify the limitations that keep us from what we would like to achieve.

Please email me if interested.

Our 1146th Meeting

Date:	**Wednesday**, June 11, 2014
Time:	6:45 PM
Location:	Downtown Chicago At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.
Featured speaker:	Chester Donati — *a program on security* Security, of our collections and ourselves, is important. Whether you need an introduction or a refresher, there is something for everyone at this meeting. Chester Donati, a member of the Will County Coin Club, is the president and founder of DMC Security, a provider of burglary, fire, access, and closed-circuit systems, that also provides pre-employment services.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

May 21, 2014

The seventh meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Paul Hybert, Steve Zitowsky, Richard Lipman, Jeff Rosinia, Robert Feiler, Mark Wieclaw, Marc Stackler, Sharon Blocker, Mike Gasvoda, and Carl Wolf.

1. **William Burd** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Although Harlan Berk could not attend, he received a warm round of applause for providing the meeting site, parking vouchers, and hosting the dinner.
2. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages — Rich Lipman**
        i. The application is up and running on the ANA web site.
        ii. Rhonda reported applications are arriving.
    b. **Scouts — William Burd (Eugene Freeman absent)**
        i. No changes to report over last month.
    c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**
        i. 53 volunteers signed up.
    d. **Money Talks — Mark Wieclaw**
        i. A number of applications were distributed among dealers at the recent Central States Numismatic Society Convention.
        ii. Mike Gasvoda spoke of his plan to submit a proposal.
        iii. Susan McMillan, ANA Education Project Manager, is gathering applications, but will not put together the final list until Summer Seminar ends.
    e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**
        i. Exhibit applications are arriving at ANA.
        ii. Deadline is June 20.
        iii. Inquiry was made about the availability of double locking cases.
        iv. General inquiries were made regarding security.
3. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**
    a. On order and will arrive in early June.
4. **Bill Burd**
    a. **Hotel Lodging**
        i. Hyatt Regency Hotel.
        ii. 43 room nights are booked.
        iii. Volunteer Chairman Carl Wolf inquired about the

availability of room sharing for several Floor Captains.

b. **Budget**
    i. ANA check to the Club was received.
    ii. All figures remain unchanged.

c. **Silent Auction**
    i. Organized by Harlan and still planned.
    ii. Mark Wieclaw volunteered to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Trip Reports

We have not received any trip reports so far this year, not even for the local shows, until this note:

Carl Wolf writes:
The following Chicago Coin Club members received exhibiting awards at the recent convention of the Central States Numismatice Society, which was held in Schaumburg in late April.

Jeff Rosinia — *Fifty Years of Kennedy Half Dollars*, Third Place U.S. Coins

Tom Uram (Applied Member) — *The Historically Significant Two Cent Piece: 1862-1872*, First Place U.S. Coins

Bruce Bartelt — *From Croesus to Caesar: Coinage from the First Millennium B.C.*, Third Place Foreign Coins Prior to 1500 AD

Dan Freeland — *Selected Michigan Nationals from Port Huron*, Third Place U.S. Paper Money

Dan Freeland — *Selected Canadian War Savings Certificates and Victory War Bonds*, Second Place All Foreign Paper Money

John Wilson — *Ming Dynasty Note*, Third Place All Foreign Paper Money

Former member Don Dool also received three awards.

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 14, 2014 meeting,
reported by Steven Ambos

1. John Connolly showed a CSNS Anniversary Medal he received for exhibiting at the Central States show.
2. David Gumm showed items acquired during the recent Early American Coppers (EAC) convention held in Colorado Springs:
    a. A newly published book on EAC grading, with great photography.
    b. A nice 1796 Large Cent (S-81), clearly showing all of the diagnostics for this variety.
    c. An 1819/8 Large Cent, the N1 variety.
    d. Two EAC tokens minted in pewter at the ANA on their screw press — this was during one of the convention's excursions.
3. Eugene Freeman showed two pieces:
    a. Papal States (Tivoli) 5 Baiocchi 1797.
    b. An Isle of Man 1941 Penny from the Onchan POW camp.
4. After pointing out loactions on a map, Robert Leonard showed 3 coins from the Fecamp Hoard of 8,578 coins found in France in 1963.
    a. From Normandy, a Richard I (The Fearless) denier issued 943 – circa 977.
    b. A Richard I and King Lothaire joint denier issued 965 – circa 977.
    c. A Carolingian Charles the Bald (843-77) denier issued 950 – circa 977 from the Tours mint. 8,575 coins to go!
5. To complement the meeting's featured speaker, Sharon Blocker showed four $2 signed by the attendees at her husband Kevin's four retirement parties.
6. Marc Wieclaw showed ancient coins:
    a. An Alexandria mint large bronze AE43 of Ptolemy II (285-246 BC) with an unusual green patina — the patina usually is brown.
    b. A denarius of Elagabulus (Rome 218-222 AD) with a galley on reverse. Great detail on rowers. as opposed to the dot representations found on some examples.
    c. Tetradrachm from Messana (on Sicily, now known as Messina) (450-425 BC) with a nice Hare and Dolphin.
7. Bill Burd showed two gold medals:
    a. Illinois National Guard "Long and Honorable" service medal in 14k gold. Awarded to 1st Sgt John Dickson in 1940 for 15 years service.
    b. Harleston Parker Medal. 10kt gold by Medallic Art Co. of NY: awarded in 1950 by Boston Society of Architects to Cram & Ferguson for designing the John Hancock Insurance building in

Boston.

8. Rich Lipman showed paper money:
    a. Assorted US small note errors — mismatched serial numbers.
    b. New Zealand 1 Pound note.
    c. A note, from Clinton Bank of NY, with the same vignette of DeWitt Clinton as on a very expensive $1000 US note of 1880.
    d. A Canada replacement note with mismatched serial numbers.
9. Dale Lukanich showed paper money:
    a. A Morris Canal (NJ) $2,000 remainder note. Dated April 2, 1860 and signed by A Whitney, these markings were applied well after this note went bad.
    b. A Farmers Bank (Hulmeville, PA) note stating its location as only 18 miles from Philadelphia — this style of note was issued 1814-7.
    c. An Illinois Board of Public Works $1,000 note from the 1840s. The Illinois note was soon trading for $0.14 on the dollar, setting an example for the future of Illinois' finances.
10. Harold Eckardt showed notes signed during the 2011 ANA convention.
    a. A 2003-A $2 signed by David Bowers.
    b. A 2003-A $2 signed by Mike and Matt, the hosts of coinshowradio.com.
    c. A 2009 $1 signed by Rosie Rios.

Speaker's Worl[l]d

Graffiti Twos: An Analysis of What People Have Written or Stamped on Two Dollar Bills

a presentation by Richard Lipman,
to our May 14, 2014 meeting

For a number of years, Rich has searched packs of the $2 notes for errors and interesting patterns within the serial number. Along the way, he also found and saved many notes that had been marked — marked in all sorts of ways — and that he has grouped the markings into some genral types. He announced that he would show us only about 20% of what he has found — it would be representative of the types, with an emphasis on the larger and the better made examples. Although people write on other notes, it seems that the $2 note is used more than any other denomination.

To encourage the audience to voice its opinions, Rich asked us a number of questions during the presentation. The first was about the title of this presentation, "Is *grafitti* notes an appropriate term?" The word has negative connotations when it refers to your marking property that does not belong to you, but the word is old, and there is a long tradition of people leaving it. That answer brought up other questions about paper money: Is a note private? Is it a

public place? What do the laws say about what you can do with it? We seemed to agree in answering the last of the above questions — the government outlaws only two actions: you cannot destroy it (make it unusable), and you cannot change the denomination; everything else is okay.

The first group of notes showed connections with commerce, starting with a $2 that was the first note received by some business, but no business name was included in that note. The names of businesses stamped on other notes included: Looney Bin Tavern, Robert Wallich Associates, Eat at the Beach, three locations in Florida of Swap Shop, the grand opening of the Kislak National Bank, and DiveFL.com. The US $2 note even gets around the world, as demonstrated by the name of a company in Israel. Other markings tied to the financial industry were: CASHVAULT, Brink's, Scotia Bank (that's Canadian!), "Received by HUD" with a date, and MUTILATED.

A few examples of wishes and thoughts were shown, such as "We will miss you. Never spend this." The message "Thanks INDIANA DOC" on another note left Rich and us unsure as to what the DOC refers — could it be Department of Corrections? As a store of money, we saw a hand written note of "Keep me and never go broke" and THIS IS FOR POPCORN. Examples of wishful thinking included $2 notes with zeroes added to the denomination — we hoped no one was fooled by the 20 in all four corners on one note, and we doubted anyone was fooled by the 20,000 note, by the 2,000,000.00 note, or the 200,000,000 note.

The Where's George web site for tracking $1 notes also can be used to track other denominations. We saw a range of stamps directing people to the www.wheresgeorge.com web site; one note also had an extra hand written "Spend me — I am not rare" to encourage its circulation, while many had the note's serial number and year highlighted, because those are the pieces of information given to the web site when reporting the current location of a note.

Religious and political messages appear in real life, so it was no surprise when Rich showed us some. He started with a range of citations of the bible, and then moved onto angel stamps. He tried to arrange the political sentiments, but we were hazy upon some of the meanings. The "Ask for golden dollars" has multiples interpretations, but not so the "but not to moonies" written next to the note's printed ...GOOD FOR ALL DEBTS... statement. A cartoon caption bubble with "I grow hemp" near Jefferson's vignette on the front is obvious, but the addition on another note, to the Continental Congress scene for the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back of the note, of caption bubbles near two delegates of POOP and NO, YOU POOP seems non-specific humor. Other stamps making obvious points were OCCUPY WALL STREET, VOTE LIBERTARIAN, a marijuana leaf, and RON PAUL 2008. Although the Fairtax.org stamp relates to a particular proposal, some of us in the audience initially thought it supported a flat-tax plan while the actual plan is closer to a soak-the-rich plan. Oops. An example of a subtle message was reworking the note's printed 6 (the note was from the Atlanta Fed Branch Bank, hence the 6)

to the math-inspired statement 26+6=FREEDOM — hint: there are 32 counties on the Irish island, but maybe there is another interpretation.

Inspirational messages are usually hand written; there are many notes with the simple THANK YOU, while there are many possibly unique expressions such as THE SKY IS LIMIT, BE TRUE BE TRUE BE TRUE SAY NO MORE, and MONEY IS NOT EVERYTHING. A stamped message probably has other instances out in circulation, so look closely and maybe you will find a note stamped with UFFDA. An example of an occasion marked by a stamp was McCALL FAMILY 2009, while there are hand written birthday wishes probably for most numbers — but Rich showed us examples for only one, six, and sweet 16. Baptisms are another personal occasion that are mentioned. Most any holiday you can think of are mentioned — not just Christmae and New Years, but also Halloween and Valentines Day. We also saw examples for irregularly occurring personal events, such as FROM TOOTH FAIRY, GREAT PIANO RECITAL, and GREAT REPORT CARD. Somber commemorative pieces are out there, such as one with JOHN L MILLER above Jefferson's vignette and the date 1966 and 2001 flanking it; another piece bore TO THE MEMORY OF KLS.

Stamped insignias from many organizations decorate circulating notes; we saw insignias of Michigan State, University of Chicago, Masons, and Boy Scouts. Cartoon characters are out there, including Sylvester, Tweety, and Bugs Bunny. The drawn embellishments to Jefferson's vignette probably originated from some free time and carry no further meanings — think of what people add to faces on advertising signs — they used many colors and focused on many parts of the face: mustach, beard, eye brows, eye glasses, and more. Not everything can be classified, so Rich concluded with a miscellaneous group. These last pieces showed how a $2 note could be a convenient place to write things down; mostly phone numbers, sometime with a crude message, but a note with an interesting serial number had the message "save for Richie" — we can only imagine how long Richie kept this before spending it!

In his searches, Rich has not seen $2 notes from before 1976; before 1976 the $2 notes had red seals, and now are usually deemed "interesting" enough to be pulled from circulation. The notes that were kept as intended remain out of sight, so Rich has a chance to see only the examples that are no longer significant to the creator or recipient, or when the significance is lost through the death of the holder. There is no predicting what might turn up tomorrow, or how many treasured mementos are being held.

Important Dates

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Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

August 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Chatter Matter

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1 Month until ANA in Chicago

The details for the convention are being finalized and announced by ANA. Their web site is being revised, so your old bookmarks might no longer work — but the http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com and http://www.money.org should still work. I hope you have made plans to attend the convention, and will try to partake of as many of the offerings as possible.

Remember, August 5-9!

Minutes of the 1146th Meeting

The 1146th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 11, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 31 members and 3 guests: Chester Donati, Chuck Prock, and Joe O'Donnell from *Coin World*.

A motion was passed to accept the May Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report on May revenue of $720.00, expenses of $1,398.55 total assets of $24,616.14 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $22,506.14. A motion was passed to accept his report.

The application for membership of Adam F. Olszewski received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept him into the Club. The application of Chuck Prock received first reading. With regret it was reported that Quentin Burrows and Mike Radojcic will not renew their membership.

The Secretary announced correspondence notifying the Club that Nicholas Brown (1177), has passed away. The Secretary read the names who have unpaid 2014 dues and have not responded to three separate letters. They include: Michael Morrissy (1216), Dennis Hoelze (1209), Ernst Armstrong (1195), and William Rau (1190). A motion was made and passed to drop their name from the rolls.

Under Old Business:

- It was announced that the 2014 ANA Convention Committee's next meeting will be 6 PM, June 18, Offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago.
- Paul Hybert, Exhibit Chairman of the ANA Convention, announced the deadline for exhibit applications is June 20.
- Mark Wieclaw and Robert Feiler, members of the 95th Anniversary Committee, reported the following plans for a commemorative medal:
    - 2" medals will have edge numbering & be distributed at the ANA Convention.
    - Copper @ $25 each limited to 95 pieces.
    - .999 Silver (2.55 troy oz.)@ $80 limited to pre-order.
    - .999 Gold (4 troy oz.) @ $5,850 limited to pre-order.
    - A process set in copper will be available with details and costs to follow.
    - Die charges are $2,200 and will be partially offset by donations.
    - A motion was made and passed authorizing the Treasurer to pay invoices on this project up to a total of $28,000.
- Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the December 10th Annual Banquet, reported on two choices: FoodLife at Water Tower Place, and The Rosewood in Rosemont. A show of hands made The Rosewood the final choice. The cost will be approximately $50/person with more details to follow.
- Mark Wieclaw reported on the progress of Harlan Berk's recovery, and a Get Well card was passed around for everyone to sign.

Under New Business:

- Robert Leonard announced the XV International Numismatic Congress will be held September 21-25, 2015, in Taomina, Sicily. The deadline for submitting papers is September 20, 2014.
- Joe O'Connell, Amos Press/*Coin World* announced he is interested in creating short videos that would interest beginning collectors. *Coin World* intends to upload this to their Web Site. The permission of members is required and members can decline to be part of this project.

The Secretary introduced Chester Donati who delivered a program *Security for Home and Business*. Following a question-and-answer period, Chester was given a warm round of applause. The Secretary forgot to pack the engraved medal and ANA Educational Certificate, and promised to mail them the next day.

Marc Stackler, Second V.P., introduced the evening's 11 exhibitors. ROBERT LEONARD: 12" segment of red-feather money from Santa Cruz Islands. EUGENE FREEMAN: 1818 half real from San Antonio and 1828 50 centimes Haiti. JAMES DAVIS: 1891 Swiss medal from 700th Anniversary of Bern,

1919 one rupee from India, and 2001 $10 coin from Liberia with American eagle hologram. DAVE CROOKS: 2 gold coins from Saddle Ridge Hoard; RICARDO SEQUEIRA: a 1894-S $20 gold coin from Saddle Ridge Hoard, a Mexican 8 reales and 3 Nicaraguan commemorative coins. DALE LUKANICH: two Federal Reserve Notes and seven National Bank Notes. STEPHEN HUBER: two double talers and two single talers from Germany. BOB FEILER: cigar box labels showing gold coins, and 1930 Lincoln cent pop-outs of an Indian Chief. RICHARD LIPMAN: 3 international notes featuring scientists, a toilet token, and an apothecary weight. MARK WIECLAW: a sea-turtle stater (480-446 BC) and a land-turtle stater (445-431 BC), both from Attic Desina, then a brockage denarius of Julius Caesar, 46 BC. CHESTER DONATI: U.S. baseball coin in $5 gold and $1 silver.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM. The next meeting will be 6:45 PM, Wednesday, July 9 at the same location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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Show and Tell

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reported by Marc Stackler

1. Bob Leonard presented on red-feather money of the Santa Cruz Islands:
    a. One-foot-long segment and two detached platelets of red-feather money, from the Santa Cruz Islands (part of the Solomon Islands), circa 1950.One of the oddest of all Odd & Curious Money, red-feather money consists of a 30-foot coil of glued-together bird feathers: red feathers from the scarlet honeyeater bird, attached to those of pigeons. Each coil took up to 600 man-hours of work to make. They were used primarily to buy wives, at a price of 10 coils per wife. The pieces shown this evening came from a coil that was severely damaged by insects about a decade ago. Part was cut away and discarded by the collector, while the remainder was cut into foot-long sections.
    b. Bob also brought an article from *Scientific American*, March 1962, showing how red-feather money was constructed and used.
2. Eugene Freeman talked about 2 items:
    a. Haiti, 50 centimes, 1828. Eugene mentioned that during its earliest history as an independent nation, Haiti was divided into two regions, although this coin was struck after the country was unified.
    b. Photos of a "Texas Jola," dated 1818, one of the very rare half-real coppers struck in San Fernando de Bexar (now San Antonio) under Spanish control. The coin belongs to Eugene and is on display at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. The "jolas" (half-reales) were ordered struck and were redeemed in silver. Soon afterwards they were thrown in the river (presumably so the issuer (who was the postmaster) could avoid having to issue and redeem them again), where they remained undiscovered until 1939. Texas jolas are the only Spanish colonial coins struck in what became the continental United States, since at the time Texas was part of New Spain. On the reverse is a five-pointed star, thought possibly to be the precursor to the Texas "lone star."
3. Jim Davis presented 3 items:
    a. Swiss, 1891 silver medal for the 700th anniversary of the founding of Bern (1191-1891).
    b. India, 1919 one rupee, possibly made with silver purchased from coins melted by the Pittman Act.
    c. Liberia, 2001 $10, gold-plated copper with a hologram of an American eagle.
4. David Crooks showed gold coins — $20 and $10 — from the Saddle

Ridge hoard.

5. Ricardo Sequeira showed several items:
    a. 1894-S $20 from the Saddle Ridge hoard.
    b. Mexico, 8 reales cob under Philip V.
    c. Three Nicaraguan commemorative coins:
        i. 100 córdobas, 1912-2012 Centennial of the establishment of the Nicaraguan córdoba. In silver.
        ii. Building of the Cathedral at Leon, Nicaragua. In silver.
        iii. 50 córdobas, foundation of the Nicaraguan central bank, featuring the national flower and bird. In copper nickel.
6. Dale Lukanich brought in some paper money he acquired at a garage sale:
    a. Seven national bank notes, circa 1902 (five $5 and two $20).
    b. Two early Federal Reserve notes ($1 and $5).
7. Steve Huber showed four German thalers. To demonstrate grading standard differences between the US and Europe, Steve exhibited an 1862 Frankfurt Taler sold by Kunker as Proof and confirmed as proof by another highly respected German dealer. PCGS graded it as mint state. Steve also exhibited two Frankfurt double thalers, as comparison. While PL, the Frankfurt proof does not exhibit the brilliant mirror fields of US coins; it is PL, possesses a square rim, and definitive square lettering. PCGS grades in Paris by sending US graders. The fourth coin was a 1767 Nurnberg thaler graded by PCGS as MS66.
8. Bob Feiler brought items acquired in January, from Florida coin shops.
    a. Two early cigar box labels, embossed with gold coins.
    b. 1930 Lincoln cent pop-outs with pin backs, featuring an indian chief motif.
9. Rich Lipman went into the backgrounds on some items he brought in.
    a. Personages featured on some foreign notes:
        i. France. 500 francs, with a vignette of Blaise Pascal (mathematics).
        ii. Croatia. 100 thousand kuna, of Roger Boscovich (atomic theory).
        iii. Yugoslavia, 5000 dinar, of Nicola Tesla (alternating current electricity).
    b. Tokens
        i. One drachm apothecary weight. (8 drachms = 1 ounce).
        ii. Toilet Token made for the Nik-O-Lok company.
10. Mark Wieclaw showed 3 coins:
    a. Attic Aegina, 480-446 BC stater with a sea turtle design on the obverse.
    b. Another stater from Attic Desina, 445-431 BC with a land turtle design on the obverse.
    c. Rome, silver denarius of Julius Caesar, 46 BC, brockage.
11. Chester Donati, our featured speaker of the evening, brought 2 recently issued commemorative coins: the baseball mitt, $5 (gold) and $1 (silver).

Our 1147th Meeting

Date: **Wednesday**, July 9, 2014

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Ceres Restaurant, located inside the Board of Trade Building, at LaSalle and Jackson.

Featured speaker: David Greenstein — *Coin Doctoring and Conservation — The Great Debate*

Speaker's Worlld
Security for the Home & Business

a presentation by Chester Donati,
to our June 11, 2014 meeting

The *Busybody* "Visual Surveillance System" was invented by Benjamin Franklin in 1731. A set of mirrors, mounted on the outside of a window frame, allowed a person to see who was along the outside of a building, all while remaining safely inside. After showing us an image of a modern take on that device, Chet showed another device from the 1700s — a watchman clacker, used to wake up citizens during an emergency or fire. Moving into the 1800s, we saw a Holmes Alarm Telegraph circa 1852. This first burglar alarm featured a ringing bell, and used wires above buildings to carry a signal to a central office. Sounds like a telephone system, except telephones had not been invented yet. Chet noted that Alexander Graham Bell, after inventing the telephone, rented Holmes' wires during the day — from 6AM until 6PM, the wires were used for phone calls, and used for alarm signals from 6PM until 6AM.

Artifacts from the 1920s included an OWL Pay Alarm — insert a dime, pull a lever, and then you could turn ON your alarm — and an ADT / Western Union call station — press the button to summon an ADT messenger from the Western Union office. ADT started in the messenger business, as American District Telegraph. We saw photos of central stations, starting with the late 1800s and ending with a recent view inside Chet's business, DMC Security Services, Inc. Things are always improving. In the last forty years, the ultrasonic motion detectors have gone from large units that needed dedicated wires, to smaller than a pack of cigarettes and communicating wirelessly.

With the exonumia and collectible parts covered, Chet waded into aspects of modern security. First came the statistics on home burglaries, then came some facts, and then some suggestions. The program concluded with some security considerations for people attending a coin show. Two million home burglaries are reported each year in the US. The months with the most breakins are July and August; February has the fewest breakins, and not just because it has the fewest days. Most burglaries occur during the day, when there is less of a chance of the burglar's finding someone home. About 85% of breakins are committed by non-professionals — desperate people looking for small and expensive items that can be quickly converted into cash. Their tools can be as simple as screwdrivers, pliers, pry bars, and hammers; many windows have only a latch, not a lock, but a screen can be silently cut in an instant.

Many breakins are a crime of opportunity. Maybe it was an inviting house — easy access, with good cover — or maybe it was just carelessness — something as simple as not locking a door or window. A successful burglar tries to fit in; he could carry a clipboard and walk right up to the door, knock on it, try the door handle to see if it is unlocked, and have a one-sided conversation such as, "Hi, glad you are home, here are the papers we should ..." while walking through the door — all appearing very normal to the casual passerby. Or maybe he would turn away, just to place a quick kick on the door; a cheap lock or frame, and he is in. Most breakins are through the front door.

A heavyduty deadbolt with a one-inch bolt is good, but make sure the strikeplate is securely fastened to the frame. When a burglar enters, he will first look for possible exits. A lock that needs a key to open it from the inside could help trap a burglar, but some building codes ban them as a safety (fire) hazard. If all the trades contractors at a new house were given keys, changing the door locks could make sense. Sliding glass doors have their own vulnerabilities and security enhancements, but anything is only as secure as its installation. Chet told of visiting one house where the homeowner had wanted the door to slide open the other way; the installer obliged by taking it, out spinning it around, and installing it the desired way — Chet walked outside, had the homeowner lock the latch, and then Chet lifted the door out of its frame!

Commonsense appeared a number of time in the program. It is important to

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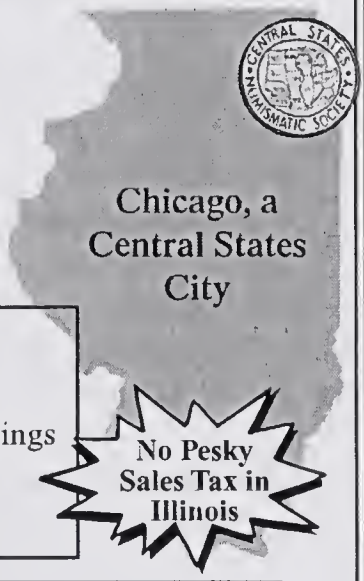

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know your neighbors, so they can watch your place, and you can watch theirs. Although you might want to proudly show the shipping box, from your large television, on garbage day, it might be better if you cut it into small pieces. Alarm systems also were covered — your insurance company might give a discount if you have an alarm, but remember, the system keeps tracks of when it was turned on! Find out the amount of coverage actually provided by your insurance policy — the standard amount is small, maybe one to two thousand dollars. Are you covered while travelling to and from coin shows? While travelling, remember to be aware of your surroundings; maintain a low profile, and **remove** those show badges as soon as you can! There was more to this program than is covered in this short report, and there is more to security than could fit into this presentation; luckily for us, Chet provided a handout covering alarms, safes, and more.

95th Anniversary Celebration — Patrons

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Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

June 18, 2014

The eighth meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Host Chairman William Burd on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Steve Zitowsky, Dale Lukanich, Marc Stackler, Jeff Rosinia, Eugene Freeman, Elliott Krieter, Robert Feiler, Mark Wieclaw, Paul Hybert, and Carl Wolf.

1. **William Burd** welcomed everyone to the meeting. Although Harlan Berk could not attend, he received a warm round of applause for providing the meeting site, parking vouchers, and hosting the dinner.
2. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages — Elliott Krieter (Rich Lipman absent)**
        i. YN's are signing up.
        ii. Pages can begin as early as the Saturday August 2.
        iii. Rhonda expressed to Bill the ANA would be okay with 10-15 total pages for the entire show.
        iv. When the U.S. Mint makes special offers, pages cannot wait in line wearing their page vest.
    b. **Scouts — Eugene Freeman**
        i. Telephoning each Scout council to find the right person to email the flyers so they do not get trashed. The 5 Girl Scout Councils that cover Illinois have been contacted and have received flyers. Flyers have been sent to one Boy Scout Council; distribution to one of its districts has been delayed, due to Scout summer camp.
        ii. Flyers have been sent to the Central Region for Venturing Scouts (formerly called Explorers); they are planning to feature our event in their newsletter, which is emailed to 10,000+ Venturers and to councils in this area.
        iii. Flyers have also been delivered to the Park Ridge Library for distribution.
        iv. Limiting the length of the Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic is still a concern.
        v. Planning to email all who earned the Scouting at the ANA patch last year.
        vi. Mark Wieclaw reported that Robert Greenstein said Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. closed their Oak Park location and plan to donate the "supplies" to the Scout program. Bill Burd and Eugene Freeman will follow up.
    c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**

i. Several volunteers emailed they will not be able to attend.
ii. More volunteers are still needed.
iii. Asked Bill Burd to review the convention budget to accommodate a room for two Floor Captains.
iv. Bill reported the U.S. Mint will offer the Gold Kennedy Commemorative coin at 11 AM on the show's first day. After registering, those who wish to buy the coin need to form a line. This is going to require additional volunteers.

d. **Money Talks — Dale Lukanich**
   i. Believes the lineup of speakers is nearly complete.
   ii. There are still several openings for last minute applications.
   iii. Has a good group of volunteers to help with introductions.

e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**
   i. Exhibit applications are on the ANA web site.
   ii. Deadline is June 20, however ANA will accept more applications received a few days after.
   iii. Set up is Mon August 4th Noon – 6PM, & Tues 7:30AM – 9AM.

3. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**
   a. The ANA submitted a list of 29 speakers and programs, with more to follow, and medals are already engraved.
   b. Neck ribbons have arrived and are ready for attachment.
   c. Bill Burd will submit how many medals need to be engraved for the committee.

4. **Bill Burd**
   a. U.S. Mint release of the Kennedy Half covered under 2.c.iv.
   b. The ANA will conduct an Appraisal Service run by volunteers on Saturday, the last day. This was offered at the Atlanta Convention with positive feedback.
   c. Plans to conduct a Silent Auction during the Cocktail Hour/Banquet are progressing.
   d. Chairman photos are needed from Elliott Krieter, Eugene Freeman, Paul Hybert, Jeff Rosinia and Richard Lipman.
   e. Although the convention schedule is not finalized, it is already posted on the Web.
   f. The U.S. Postal Service will not attend the convention.
   g. There are 10 international mints scheduled to appear.
   h. Names were put forth who should receive an invitation to attend Chicago Coin Club sponsored events during the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2014, in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Suite 1320, Downtown Chicago.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

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The planning work is done — all that remains is the final setup. Trying to determine the best day to attend? Look at the online Schedule for the latest details; it can be found at http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com/schedule.aspx

I welcome, for the September *Chatter*, reports from any of the events, meetings, or presentations that you attended — report on the details, atmosphere, or whatever struck you. The ANA will return here in the summer 2015, and then it is off to Anaheim, California in 2016, and Denver, Colorado in 2017 — sites farther in the future have not been announced.

Remember, August 5-9!

Minutes of the 1147th Meeting

The 1147th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 9, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 29 members and 3 guests: Ed Kedzie, Andy He, and Paul Keyser.

A motion was passed to accept the June Minutes as published in the *Chatter*, with the following correction:
- What read "Die charges are $2,200 and will be partially offset by donations."
- Should read: "A motion was passed authorizing the Treasurer to pay $2,200 for die charges which will be also offset by donations."

Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of June: revenue of $40,591.00, expenses of $29,976.52, net income of $10,614.48, total assets of $35,230.62 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $33,120.62. After several questions, a motion was passed to accept his report.

The application for membership of Chuck Prock received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept him into the Club. The application of Paul Keyser received first reading.

Under Old Business:

- It was announced that the 2014 ANA Convention Committee's next meeting will be 6 PM, July 16, Offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago.
- Jeffrey Rosinia, Chairman of the 95th Anniversary Committee, delivered an update on the banquet and an increase in the number of medals ordered.
    - He announced that $3,000 had been gathered from sponsors.
    - A three part motion was passed:
        - Based on the estimated remaining medal costs, authorizing an additional $9,200.00 in expenditures.
        - On estimated banquet costs, based on 50 attendees, authorizing payment of $4,000.00 in expenditures.
        - Authorizing the Club Treasurer to pay, an amount greater than the above estimates – if in his judgment, it is reasonable, proper and necessary.
    - Mark Wieclaw announced that two process sets (includes 6 medals each) of the anniversary medal remain unsold. The sale price of the set is $125.00.

No New Business was conducted.

The Secretary announced the featured program for the Club's meeting, Saturday, August 9, 1 PM at the ANA Convention, will be Robert Hurst on *Recovered Coins from the Sunken 1715 Treasure Fleet*. The September 10 program will be given by Dr. Lawrence J. Lee, of Lincoln, NE on 110 coins archaeologically recovered from Fort Atkinson (1819-1827), the first U.S. settlement west of the Mississippi.

David Greenstein was introduced as the evening's featured speaker and delivered a program *Coin Conservation and Doctoring*. Following a question-and-answer period, David was presented with an engraved medal and ANA Educational Certificate.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the evening's ten exhibitors. JOHN CONNOLLY: medals from 75th Anniversary of Granite City, IL; EUGENE FREEMAN: coins from micro nations of Sealand, Redonda and Westarctica; JAMES M. McMENAMIN: 3 Panamanian coins; PHIL CARRIGAN: Henri Ripstra tokens; DALE LUKANICH: 2 counterfeit bank notes; MARK WIECLAW: 3 ancient Roman coins and a two page ad from the *Chicago Sun-Times* selling "unsearched" rolls of coins; STEPHEN HUBER: auction catalog Richard L. Lissner Collecton; ROBERT LEONARD: series of nine Japanese Sen coin types; ROBERT FEILER: ancient stater from Aigina, and replica set of coins of the twelve Caesars; and MARC STACKLER: Bonos Electorales pro-Almazan.

Mark Wieclaw, inspired by the evening's program, spoke briefly on the conservation and repair of ancient oil lamps.

The meeting was adjorned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Show and Tell

Items shown at our July 9, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. John Connolly showed a set of Granite City medals:
    a. They were struck for the Granite City, IL diamond jubilee — anniversary year 1971.
    b. Three medals were made: bronze, silver, and gold-on-silver. They depict park service activities on the reverse.
    c. The gold-on-silver is considered scarce.
2. Eugene Freeman talked about 3 items "issued" by unrecognized states. Unrecognized states, also called "micro nations," are where someone formed their own nation by simply buying or occupying previously unoccupied land. Their coinage can aptly be called fantasy pieces (if not vanity pieces!).
    a. Principality of Sealand: 1994 dollar. "Sealand" is a former gunnery platform in the English Channel, where during WWII it was used for defending the UK. The UK sued the "prince," but he won based on the fact that the platform was so far off the coast that it was in international waters.
    b. Redonda, $10 2009, depicting Christopher Columbus. It is an uninhabited island in the Caribbean, which indeed Columbus did discover in 1493. It is basically a large, round rock and at one time a source of guano (for fertilizer).
    c. West Arctica, 25 cents 2008 (set of 4). The coins are shaped as equal-sized triangles, so when fit together they form a square. At the center of the resulting square is the figure "$1".
3. Jim McMenamin presented 3 items:
    a. 1904 "Panama Pill" 2½ centesimos (0.900 fine silver, 1.25g), given to Jim by his great aunt.
    b. 1904 Panama 50 centesimos (0.900 fine silver, 25g).
    c. 1962 Panama *cuarto de balboa* (0.900 fine silver, 6.25g), the size and fineness of a US quarter.
4. Phil Carrigan displayed 2 Abraham Lincoln tokens made by J. Henry Ripstra. They are aluminum, dime-size tokens struck for the Lincoln Group of Chicago, 1939 Central States convention.
5. Dale Lukanich revisited 2 bank notes:
    a. $3 Bull's Head Bank, New York, dated 1863, obsolete/broken bank. It is a contemporary counterfeit.
    b. $5 First National Bank of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, 1865. It is also a contemporary counterfeit, this time of a national bank note. Dale pointed out that the note had incorrect bank numbers, which the counterfeiters tried to wash out.

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6. Mark Wieclaw brought these items:
    a. A 2-page ad from the *Sun Times* for awarding some lucky person(s) "unsearched" bags of US coins. The ad had a glaring error: a photo of a supposed 1908-S Indian cent is missing the mintmark!
    b. Silver quinarius (half of a denarius) from the Roman Republic era, 211-210 BC. The quinarius is marked with a V (5), whereas a contemporary denarius would have an X (10).
    c. Silver sestertius (half of a quinarius) from the Roman Republic era, 214-213 BC, 1.6g.
    d. Bronze sestertius from the Roman Imperial era, Maximinus I, 235-238 AD, 22g.
7. Steve Huber showed *The Richard L. Lissner* catalog, a collection being auctioned by 3 houses in early August 2014 at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare. The collection contains many outstanding coins, ranging in value from the low hundreds to tens of thousands of dollars.
8. Bob Leonard brought examples of Japanese 1 Sen coins, 1882-1945 (end of series). When introduced, the 1 Yen coin was similar to the US silver dollar (1903 issue shown). Its 100th part, the Sen (for cent), was a substantial copper coin similar to a Canadian large cent. It was later made of bronze and the size reduced, but was still larger than a Lincoln cent. With the advent of World War II, however, the 1 Sen was reduced in size and switched to aluminum. In 1941 it was made even smaller, and later the thickness was reduced too. Composition was changed to tin in 1944; later that year, with the US closing in, undated 1 Sen coins of chocolate-color and red porcelain were baked. Never officially released due to the Japanese surrender August 15, 1945, some circulated for one day in Osaka. These intrinsically-worthless coins close out the 1 Sen series.
9. Bob Feiler showed 2 recent acquisitions:
    a. Early stater of Aegina, 510-490 BC, with a sea turtle on the obverse. There is a banker's mark (essentially a chop mark) on the turtle's shell.
    b. Framed set of replicas of ancient coins: The Twelve Caesars.
10. Marc Stackler showed 2 electoral campaign donation receipts from 1940.
    a. $1 and $5 pesos, for the presidential campaign of Juan Andreu Almazan.
    b. Almazan was active in the Mexican Revolution (1910-1920), becoming a general, and afterwards becoming a wealthy businessman. During the revolution, he changed allegiances many times. Almazan lost the 1940 presidential election. He tried to instigate a military coup, but was rebuffed when asking for US support. His coup went nowhere, so he went into retirement. Among the revolutionary leaders who Almazan supported, opposed, or alternately supported and opposed, he was one of the few who managed to avoid a violent death. There's something to be said for remaining flexible.

Our 1148th Meeting

Date: August 9, 2014, **First session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: On the last day of the ANA Convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for anyone on the last day of the convention.

Featured speaker: Bob Hurst — *Treasures from the 1715 Spanish Fleet*

On July 31, 1715 a hurricane sunk 11 treasure-laden Spanish galleons off the coast of Florida, near present day Vero Beach. Over 1,000 people perished and a fortune in gold, silver, and jewels was lost. Spain recovered some of the treasure, but a great deal was left on the ocean floor. Coins are still recovered today almost 300 years later! This program is for those who love stories of finding lost treasures. Be prepared to see images of fantastic coins, and hear unbelievable recovery stories. Bob Hurst is from Florida, and purchased and sold these treasure coins for 20 years. His presentation includes photos of coins housed in the Florida State Museum Collection. Mark your calendar and be prepared to be amazed!

Souvenir Card: Everyone attending the Saturday Chicago Coin Club meeting at the upcoming ANA convention will receive a souvenir card and history of the tickets from the Columbian Exposition in 1893. The ticket displaying an American Indian Chief is courtesy of Heritage Auction Archives. Only 100 consecutively numbered cards will be issued. After distribution at the meeting, the remaining cards will be sold for $5.00 each ($1.00 for postage if ordering by mail).

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Date: August 13, 2014, **Second session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Berghoff Restaurant, located on Adams, just west of State.

Featured speaker: — *to be announced*

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Coin Conservation and Doctoring: Black, White, and 51 Shades of Grey

a presentation by David Greenstein,
to our July 9, 2014 meeting

This is a controversial issue among collectors of modern coins — loosely defined as coins minted after 1500. At the start, David warned us that there is very little agreement as to the definition of the terms. As for motivation — that is simple — it boils down to money.

The collectors of expensive modern coins prefer original, unaltered pieces. Such modern coins actually exist — think of the original bags of Morgan dollars — but the odds diminish as the coin's age increases. Since a coin cannot tell us what has been done to it, we have to use our eyes and knowledge to make the decision. Just as the definition of "original" can be debated, it can be hard to tell if a coin is original.

The grading services require a coin to have a certain amount of originality in order for the coin to be graded. In the marketplace, where original equals desirable, strictly original coins can trade at big premiums, while coins with "problems" trade at significant discounts (maybe as deep as 90% to 95% for damaged and severely altered coins). The above point is valid across all grades, but the recent popularity of registry sets has increased the desirability of coins in the highest grades possible. As more money enters the marketplace, coin doctoring, or suspicions of it, increases.

Some things are generally acceptable to do to a coin, and some things are not. Most believe a soak in pure acetone, followed by a rinse in distilled water, is acceptable; this removes material that is not chemically bonded to the coin's metal. But be sure to use pure acetone — the laboratory grade stuff, without any trace metals — and in a well ventilated space.

The Professional Numimatists Guild considered the matter. PNG's try in 2011 at a definition of doctoring, a detailed three page product from a large committee, was rejected by the membership; as David described it to us, the multitudes of detailed scenarios could be fodder for lawyers, but did not quickly yield clear and concise answers. A second attempt, written by David and two others, was approved by a clear majority — it was simple, consisting of only three points. The first two points were easy: no movement, addition, or altering of metal is allowed; no adding of any substance to improve appearance or value is allowed. Last to the list was: no intentional exposure that imparts toning is allowed.

There are some generally accepted practices that might seem to get close to the above three points. Such as dipping and point two; and coin holder toning and point three. Dipping refers to the use of a dilute acid to remove toning from a coin; this results in the removal of a very thin layer of material, both coin metal and some toning, from a coin. Most collectors want their silver coins bright white. When done once and by an experienced hand, the resulting coin is acceptable by the grading services; repeatedly dipping a coin will result in obvious signs on the coin, a coin which the grading services will only place in a slab marked "environmental damage."

Since the characteristic toning produced from a long stay in a paper envelope or a cardboard album is acceptable in the market, efforts have been made in toning coins. To avoid running afoul of the third point above, placing the dipped coin in an album or envelope for awhile is okay, but efforts that involve smearing some concoction on a coin, and then baking it, are bad. In other words, subjecting a coin to more of the usual storage and handling is acceptable; everything beyond that is wrong. What about putty? David showed us a picture of an 1879 Stella (a U.S. $4 gold coin) with discoloration on Liberty's face, from forehead down to the neck. He identified it as due to putty, and he sold it with full disclosure to another dealer. Full disclosure, of all you know, is needed whenever selling something.

David has not seen everything yet — for example, the rumored lasering process; some say it is used to remove hairlines from proof gold coins. But he has seen many things, and showed us some examples. He has seen the results of excessive dipping (by a product such as Jewel Luster); a washed-out appearance on circulated coins can result. Using ammonia can leave the coin with a terrible odor, as well as a dull and washed out white that is similar in appearance to that from using Jewel Luster. Baking Soda is a product that can be a good tool as well as a bad tool. After dipping a coin and rinsing it with water, any residual traces of acid can result in problems; here, using baking soda to neutralize any remaining acid is a good tool. But rubbing and scouring a coin with an abrasive such as baking soda is a bad tool.

The grading services are careful when evaluating a coin with heavy toning, as there is no certain way of telling if there are any marks (from either honest wear or scratches from mishandling) on the coin. Will dipping improve the look of a coin? You do not know ahead of time. It happens often enough to keep the practice alive. Dave showed us a picture of an 1870-CC half dollar, with dark mottled toning and in an AU58 NGC slab, that had been sold for $54,000. Then he showed a picture of the same coin after dipping, now white and in an MS61 slab, and he told us it sold for $88,000. Or consider the tale of a 1923-S Standing Liberty quarter that had been in stock for years, slabbed as MS65FH — they sent it in four times for regrading, but it came back the same — they sold the coin to someone who dipped and resubmitted it — it graded MS66FH on the first try — after an auction appearance, the new owner submitted it — now it is in MS66+FH plastic.

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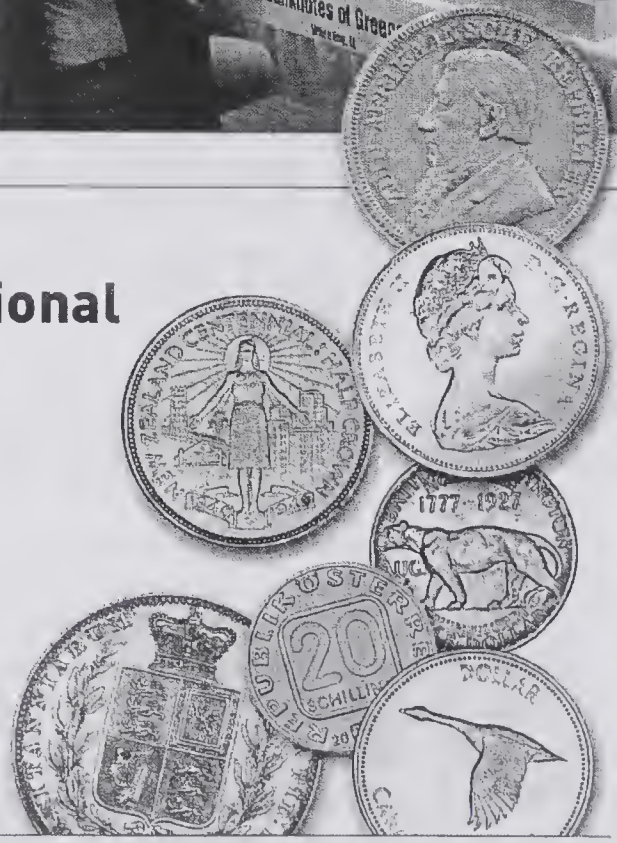

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David also covered a number of practices related to copper coins, both from the commercial side and from the Carly American Coppers (EAC) club side — but unfortunately my deadline for writing this is near. New to me was how the commercially available coin detergent named MS70 is fairly safe on gold and silver coins, but leaves a copper coin with a purple or blue toning. Even though it is artificial, it is accepted: some collectors love it, the grading services slab it, and CAC will sticker BROWN slabs with this appearance. All because some proof Indian Head cents came by the toning naturally, from original shipping paper?

David concluded by stating there are no conclusions — it all comes down to personal preferences. But numismatics might never reach the stage of restoration and repair as found in the art world.

Minutes of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

July 16, 2014

The ninth meeting of the 2014 Chicago ANA Convention Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Assistant Host Chairman Jeffrey Rosinia on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk Ltd., 77 W. Washington, Downtown Chicago. The following members were present: Paul Hybert, Sharon Blocker, Marc Stackler, Dale Lukanich, Steve Zitowsky, Eugene Freeman, Elliott Krieter, Mark Wieclaw, Scott McGowan, and Carl Wolf

1. Jeff Rosinia welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for a round of applause for Harlan Berk who was absent, but who provided the meeting site, parking vouchers, and hosting the dinner.
2. **Committee Reports**
    a. **Pages – Elliott Krieter (Rich Lipman absent)** ANA reported 22 YNs have registered.
    b. **Scouts Mmdash; Eugene Freeman**
        i. Registrations are currently ahead of last year's.
        ii. All Scout Councils were contacted in Illinois, eastern Iowa, western Indiana, Michigan, southern Wisconsin, and eastern Missouri.
    c. **Ambassadors — Carl Wolf**
        i. Volunteers continue to enroll.
        ii. A large number of collectors are expected for the U.S. Mint Kennedy half dollar release, and the ANA asked for
            1. 2-3 volunteers to be assigned to bring order to the waiting line.
            2. 7:30AM – 1PM.

3. Tuesday – Saturday.

iii. Showed a special designed clipboard and shoulder bag for use by volunteers.

d. **Money Talks — Dale Lukanich**

i. The program line up is complete.

ii. The Biographies for introductions will arrive soon.

iii. Has a good group of volunteers to help with introductions.

e. **Collector Exhibits — Paul Hybert**

i. The total number of exhibit applications are up over 2013.

ii. Gave an update on the hours for set-up, award ceremony, etc.

3. **Speaker Medals — Carl Wolf**

a. Medals for 29 speakers are already engraved.

b. Expect the remaining list from ANA soon.

c. Neck ribbons have arrived and are ready for attachment.

4. **Miscellaneous:**

a. Recent arrivals for the Silent Auction during the Cocktail Hour/Banquet included: Autographed baseballs from the Chicago Cubs, and art glass, and more is coming from the ANA.

b. Steve Zitowsky requested more coins to give to YNs at the Club Table.

Club President Elliott Krieter thanked everyone for all the work and time they put into planning for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary
Chicago Coin Club

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

August	**2-4**	PNG/ANA Numismatic Tradeshow. Admission by invitation or $6; details on the PNG Events Calendar at http://www.pngdealers.com/
August	**5-9**	ANA in Rosemont, at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. Admission is free for ANA members — for details, see http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com
August	**6**	Chicago Coin Club 95th Anniversary dinner, in Rosemont. This is **not** a full meeting — it is a social event for members and guests: $50 per person, reception starting at 6PM, and dinner starting at 7PM. Cliff Mishler will speak on *The Importance of Clubs in Numismatics*. More details will be announced.
August	**8**	IPMS Meeting - 2-4pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Scheduled to present: **Dr. Leon Saryan** on *Money in Armenia Prior to the Introduction of Coinage* **Robert D. Leonard, Jr.** on *Viking Hacksilver* **Bruce Smith** on *Discovery of Zinc (circa. 1400 AD) & the Role it Plays in Identifying Primitive Money Forgeries* **Karl Mayle** on *Counterfeit Detection Using Handheld X-Ray Spectrometer*
August	**9**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the ANA convention, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - **Bob Hurst** on *Treasures from the 1715 Spanish Fleet*
August	**13**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
September	**10**	CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Dr. Lawrence J. Lee on *Archaeologically Recovered Coins from Fort Atkinson (1819-1827)*
September	**11-13**	ILNA convention at the Holiday Inn-Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Road, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Details, including a schedule of groups and speakers, will be available at http://www.ilnaclub.info

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ANA Over — Prepare for Next August!

The 2014 convention is in the books. This issue covers a number of aspects of the 2014 show; after one final review meeting of the 2014 committee, the 2015 committee will start meeting — watch for announcements!

The members who entered a Collector Exhibit this year — Bruce Bartelt, Bill Burd, James Davis, Harold Eckardt, Bob Fritsch, Paul Hybert, Brett Irick, Scott McGowan, Jeff Rosinia, Danny Spungen, and Thomas Uram — ensured our allotted corner of the bourse was filled. We even had to drop an exhibit at the last moment, due to lack of space. Applications were arriving slowly at ANA, and we were worried about filling the space — but the last 60% of the space filled in the last four days!

Minutes of the 1148th Meeting

Session I of the 1148th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 9, 2014 in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association Convention, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1 PM with an attendance of 44 members and guests.

First V.P. Rich Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Bob Hurst from Florida, who spoke on *Treasures from the 1715 Spanish Fleet*. Following a question and answer period, Rich presented Bob with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal suspended from a neck ribbon. Bob departed early to make a 3 PM flight.

The applications for membership of Vincent Kurt Bellman, Francis Hawks, and John Thill received first reading.

Everyone in attendance received a souvenir educational sheet featuring an 1893 Columbian Exposition admission ticket with the American Indian vignette, written by member Melissa Gumm.

The meeting was recessed at 1:35 PM and will be re-convened Wednesday

August 13th at the Club's usual meeting site in Downtown Chicago.

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Session II of the 1148th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 13, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter reconvened the meeting at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 20 members and 1 guest: Howard Kruse.

A motion was passed to accept the July Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of July revenue of $1,651.00, expenses of $6,404.49, net income of $-4,753.49, total assets of $30,477.13 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $28,367.13. After several questions, a motion was passed to accept his report.

The application for membership of Paul Keyser received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept him into the Club. The application of Deven Kane received first reading.

The ANA Louis S. Werner Host Club Award plaque was placed at the room entrance next to the sign-in book. A motion was unanimously passed endorsing the appointment by the ANA of Jeffrey Rosinia as Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention. Archivist Bill Burd was presented with serial #1 of the copper 95th Anniversary Medal and serial #1 of the souvenir educational card featuring the 1893 Columbian Exposition admission ticket, with the American Indian vignette, which was given to everyone at the Club's ANA meeting.

Reports from Committee Chairman on the recent ANA Convention included:

- Carl Wolf, Volunteer Chairman
    - Thanked all the Volunteers for the many hours served.
    - Announced the 2015 Volunteer Application was available.
    - Reported appearing before the ANA Board with the Club's invitation for the ANA to hold their 2019 Convention in Chicago in honor of the Club's 100th Anniversary.
- Mark Wieclaw, Money Talks Asst. Chairman
    - All talks were filmed and went well.
    - Exception was a talk on Bit Coins and Elliott Krieter delivered the program.
- Paul Hybert, Exhibit Chairman
    - There were a great number of exhibits.
    - Many exhibitors were upset as someone at the ANA decided to save money and gave all exhibitors a plastic lapel pin instead of the traditional die struck medal.
- Eugene Freeman, Scout Chairman
    - The number of participating Scouts was good, but a little less than last year.

    - Scouts: 29 Merit Badges & 57 Activity Patches; Girl Scouts: 10 patches.
- Marc Stackler, Volunteer Floor Captain
    - The "ASK ME!" program worked best at the ANA Information Table.
    - In 2015 there should be larger signage and every Volunteer should have a sheet briefing them on all the basic questions, including the location of education rooms, the Blue Line, etc.
- Richard Lipman, Page Co-Chairman
    - Only pre-registered pages were allowed to work.
    - Pages worked out well and they received a satisfactory amount of tips.
- Steve Zitowsky, Club Table
    - All 95th Anniversary Medal were sold.
    - Paul Cunningham, Richard East, and Harlan Berk made donations to the Treasure Box for YNs visiting the Club table.
- William Burd, Host Chairman
    - Expressed his thanks to all Committee Chairs, Volunteers.
    - Told of receiving many compliments from the ANA Staff and Dealers.

It was announced the members Eugene Freeman, Jay Galst (New York), and Dan Freeland (Michigan) received Numismatic Ambassador appointments by Krause Publications. Dave Harper announced with regret that this was the last year for appointments.

It was also announced that Jeff Rosinia received the Chicago Coin Club Medal of Merit at the 95th Anniversary Banquet.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the evening's 11 exhibitors. MELISSA GUMM: U.S. Mint National Baseball Hall of Fame clad half dollars; SHARON BLOCKER: Error notes from Bolivia and Brazil; EUGENE FREEMAN: 1640 St. Stephen's Island duit, and an error 1944 El Salvador 5 centavos; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 1956 British W. African Penny, copies of 1859 Russian ruble and 1893 El Salvadorian peso, and a copy and genuine 1891 tallero from Colonia Eritrea; JAMES DAVIS: 4 error coins found in circulation, and The Elongated Collectors 2014 issue from the ANA Convention; ROBERT LEONARD: coins of the Dark Ages from the Barbarian Kingdoms: Ostrogoths, Vandals, Visigoths, and Merovingians; RICHARD LIPMAN: silver certificates from 1886 and 1923; ADAM OLSZEWSKI: ancient Roman coinage of Commodus (180-192 AD); DEVEN KANE: coin from Kingdom of Ceylon (29 BC - 297 AD) and coin for Cardinal de Bourbon, as Charles X of France; MARK WIECLAW: elongated coin from ANA with "Kudos to the CCC," T-shirt advertising to buy Kennedy Half Dollars, cast bronze coin from Olbia (3rd-1st century BC), replica gold Brasher doubloon, and tetradrachm from Elymais 82 BC; JEFF ROSINIA: exhibit medals and souvenirs from the ANA Convention.

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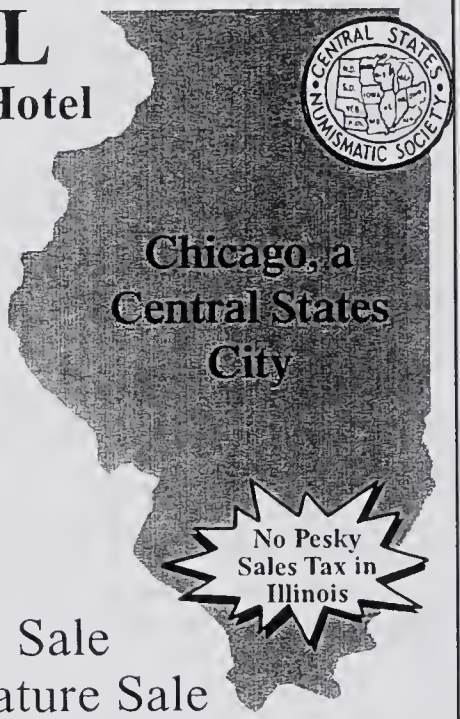

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

95th Anniversary Banquet

The Chicago Coin Club 95th Anniversary Banquet was held August 6, 2014 at the Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL. Seventy-three people were in attendance, which included twenty or more members of the New York Numismatic Club (NYNC).

Near the end of the reception, U.S. Mint Deputy Director Richard A. Peterson was introduced and spoke about the three issues at the U.S. Mint: circulated coins, bullion, and numismatic issues. Following a question and answer period, Deputy Director Peterson and his aide departed to make another meeting.

President Elliott Krieter welcomed everyone to the Banquet and introduced the Club officers and the 95th Anniversary Committee. Richard Hamilton delivered the invocation.

Jeffrey Rosinia was presented with the Club's Medal of Merit. His contributions included leadership on the 95th Anniversary Committee, various elected offices, Committee Chairman at four Club hosted ANA Conventions, and the Club's go-to source for audio-visual needs. Emphasis was given to the impact Jeff made at his first Club meeting when he introduced document viewers and electronic projectors, forever changing the exhibits at Chicago Coin Club meetings.

Following dinner, Clifford Mishler delivered a talk on "The Importance of Coin Clubs to the Numismatic Hobby." Cliff encouraged everyone to support their local, state, regional, and national organizations to keep the hobby healthy.

NYNC President Constantin Marinescu delivered a congratulatory address on the milestone occasion. NYNC V.P. and Club member Mark Anderson also congratulated the Club, and presented a birthday cake decorated with the Club logo. Mark then proceeded to sing the NY-restaurant-waiter-version of *Happy Birthday*, much to everyone's enjoyment!

Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Numismatic Ambassadors

The Numismatic Ambassadors announced by Krause Publications at the recent ANA convention include some members of our club. In case you did not see the press release, here are excerpts:

Dan and Kathy Freeland, Michigan
Joint awards are common for Dan and Kathy Freeland. In 2009 they received an ANA Presidential Award and in 2013 an ANA Glenn Smedley Award. Both are dedicated hobby volunteers, but each has special areas of interest. Kathy is publicity chair for Women in Numismatics, secretary of the Token and Medal Society, and past-president of Mich-TAMS and Flint's Flying Eagle Coin Club. Dan is currently secretary-treasurer of the Paper Money Collectors of Michigan, and was a board member of the Michigan State Numismatic Society for 10 years. He is current vice president of the Flint club, and is current bourse chair for Mich-TAMS and is on its board.

Eugene Freeman, Illinois
After his experience as Scouting Committee Chair in 2011 for the ANA World's Fair of Money, he designed a new program to boost lagging attendance. His new program, "Scouting at the ANA," has a patch and separate segments for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 events. He obtained Boy Scout approval for the program, secured sponsors, and promoted it to 26 Boy Scout and Girl Scout Councils in Illinois and adjoining states. Attendance soared in 2013 and things look good for 2014. Eugene Freeman is also a speaker at schools as well as at the Chicago Coin Club. He has been a CCC board member for six years.

Jay M. Galst, New York
President of the New York Numismatic Club 1988-1989, Jay Galst has been on the NYNC board since 1991 and served as chairman since 2001. He chaired the organization's centennial committee 2005-2008. He wrote *Opthalmologia Optica Et Visio In Nummis*, combining his profession and his hoppy. The book catalogs more than 1,700 numismatic objects. He is a speaker, exhibitor, and certified exhibit judge. He is numismatic curator for the Museum of Vision operated by the American Academy of Opthalmology in San Francisco. He is also a life member of ANA, life fellow of ANS, and is a fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society.

Our 1149th Meeting

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Featured speaker: Dr. Lawrence J. Lee — *Archaeologically Recovered Coins from Fort Atkinson (1819-1827)*

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Thanks for a Good Job

Our secretary received this note following the convention.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and the Chicago Coin Club for participating in Treasure Trivia at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money in Chicago. As I am sure that you are aware, our youth represent the future of numismatics. Your help ensures that our hobby will thrive in the coming years.

I hope that you will consider participating again at the next ANA venue that you plan to attend.

(PS — Please thank Melissa Gumm for me once again. Her help (and Kurt's) with the Mint lines helped me feel a bit safer and helped keep me sane; here's hoping we all don't have to deal with anything even close to that at the next WFM in 2015!)

Sam Gelberd
Numismatic Instructor
American Numismatic Association

Show and Tell

Items shown at our Aug 13, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Melissa Gumm showed the US Mint National Baseball Hall of Fame "Young Collectors" clad half dollar. The coin spins in its commemorative holder.
2. Sharon Blocker brought 2 modern error notes graded at the ANA 2014 Convention:
    a. From Brazil, where there was a cutting error as well as an inverted serial number.
    b. Bolivia 50 Pesos with mismatched serial numbers.
3. Eugene Freeman displayed 2 coins:
    a. Netherlands, St. Stephens Island, copper duit circa 1640. It was a recently acquired item that he was unable to identify, until a dealer at the recent ANA show attributed it.
    b. El Salvador 1944 5 centavos, minted in Philadelphia. The reverse die was grease-filled, and as a result the reverse center is missing virtually all detail.
4. Steve Zitowsky presented 5 items:
    a. 1956-KN Penny, British West Africa, NGC MS64RB. It was

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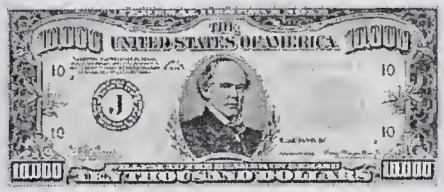

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~ Sullivan, Michael J. – **An Annotated Bibliography of United States Individual and State Bank Histories 1878 – 2000**, 2013, South Freeport, Maine, #12 of 100.

~ Ferguson, Mark – **The Dollar of 1804, The U.S. Mint's Hidden Secret**, 2014.

~ Berlin, Howard M. – **The Numismatourist**, 2014, Irvine, CA, a worldwide travel guide to museums, mints, and other places of interest for the numismatists.

~ Platt, Jerome J. & Arleen Kay Platt – **The English Civil Wars – Medals, Historical Commentary & Personalities**, 2013, Spink, London, 2 volumes.

~ Evans, John, et el – **Corolla Numismatica – Numismatic Essays in Honour of Barclay V. Head**, 1906, Oxford Press, 30 essays, 18 plates, scarce.

~ Galster, Georg – **Unionstidens** Udmontninger, 1972, Copenhagen, covers Danish coinage from the 14th century to mid 16th century.

~ Hede, Holger – **Danmarks og Norges Monter**, 1978, Copenhagen, covers Danish coinage from 1541 to 1977.

~ Hoffmann, Henry – **Les Monnaies Royales de France Depuis Hughes Capet Jusqu'a Louis XVI**, 1878, Paris, 215 pages of text plus 118 finely engraved plates of coins from 987 AD through 1793.

~ Elder, Thomas L. – **Catalogue of the Splendid Rare Coin Collection of the Late Henry C. Miller, Esq.**, May 26-29, 1920, New York, 28 plates and prices realized bound in, only 8 to 10 originally issued, rare.

~ Q. David Bowers – **Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money - Volume 1**, 2014, An introduction for collectors and historians.

~ Q. David Bowers – **Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money – Volume 2**, 2014, New England Part 1: Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire.

donated to our Club auction by Richard East, who has been so generous with donations of coins in the past.

b. 1859 Ruble (copy), Russia.
c. 1893 Peso (copy), El Salvador.
d. 1891 Tallero (5 Lire): a copy and a real one.

5. Jim Davis displayed 5 items, the first four having been found in circulation:
    a. 1986-D Lincoln cent – obverse cud. A "cud" is when a piece of the die chipped off, and as a result there is no strike on that part of the planchet (i.e., unstruck metal blob where there ought to be design).
    b. 1989-P Washington quarter with a clipped planchet.
    c. 1995-P Washington quarter where the planchet was missing the reverse clad layer. The result is that the copper portion of the coin shows the perfectly-struck design. This is as opposed to if the clad fell off the coin after striking, which would have left a poorer strike on the copper portion.
    d. 1999-D Delaware Washington quarter, slightly off center.
    e. TEC 2014 Elongated cent from the ANA Show, rolled on an 1891 Indian cent. The year 1891 is when the ANA was founded.
6. Bob Leonard gave an interesting presentation on barbarian coinage (Europe) after the fall of the Western Roman Empire. The Roman emperor Diocletian reformed coinage (ca. 301 AD) and suppressed the last local issues. From then until the fall of the Roman Empire in 476, a uniform coinage was used from the English Channel to Syria. But, the barbarian kingdoms that divided up the remnants of the Empire were unable to provide sufficient national coinage, and local coins reappeared in Europe and Africa. Six local coins of barbarian kingdoms of the Dark Ages ("Late Antiquity" is the politically-correct term for the Dark Ages):
    a. Ostrogoths
        i. Rome, 20 nummia, heavy series, 493-553 AD; 20 nummia, light series (but this coin is heavier than the "heavy series one!), 493-553.
        ii. Ravenna, 10 nummia, circa 526-534.
    b. Vandals – Carthage, 4 nummia (1/1000 tremissis), circa 480-533.
    c. Visigoths – Spali (Seville), pentanummia (?), circa 650-680.
    d. Franks (Merovingians) – Provence, mint of Marseille, denier of Nemfidius (patrician of Provence), circa 700-710.
7. Rich Lipman brought several pieces of currency:
    a. Two notes with the same serial number, $1 and $2 Federal Reserve notes. Rich let us know that the Bureau of Engraving & Printing (BEP) sells these souvenir sets for $20, and that some sellers remove the souvenir packaging and sell the notes as curiosities (for more than $20).
    b. "Martha" note: $1 silver certificate with the portrait of Martha Washington, 19th century.
    c. "Porthole" note: $5 silver certificate with the portrait of Abraham Lincoln within a circle that evokes a porthole.

8. Adam Olszewski showed coins of the Roman emperor Commodus. Commodus was co-emperor 177 AD – 180 AD, and then emperor until Dec. 31, 192 AD. During his reign the denarius was slightly devalued (lower weight).
    a. Denarius: obv. Commodus, rev. Aequitas (justice) holding scales.
    b. Sestertius: obv. Commodus, rev. Minerva holding a javelin and shield.
9. Deven Kane showed 2 coins demonstrating the diversity of collecting interests.
    a. Kingdom of Ceylon, 29 BC – 297 AD, bronze 14g. coin. It is an unusual type that Deven has not seen before, with many design features from contemporary Indian coins — particularly those from Central India like Ujjain and Eran. Among its design elements: tree in railing, elephant, a horizontal Indra-dhvaja (triangular headed standard), and a 3-arched hill.
    b. Silver coin ca. 1590 struck for Charles, Cardinal de Bourbon, as Charles X of France. This was during the religious wars between Catholics and Huguenots. Charles's nephew became Henri IV. He converted to Catholicism and issued the Edict of Nantes, granting toleration to Protestants and ending the religious wars. These coins were issued by the Catholic League which proclaimed Charles as the rightful King of France (even though he was locked up and later recognized Henri as King).
10. Mark Wieclaw brought 6 items:
    a. 2014 Elongated cent and commemoration of the ANA show, with "kudos" to the Chicago Coin Club.
    b. T-shirt from Minshull Trading, advertising to buy Kennedy gold half-dollars.
    c. Large bronze cast (70 mm) from Olbia (northern Black Sea), 3rd – 1st century BC. Its design featured a gorgon with is tongue sticking out (obverse), and an eagle with a porpoise in its talons (reverse).
    d. Tetradrachm from Elymais (Persian), 82 BC, with the portraits of the king and queen in spectacular, sharp detail.
    e. Gold Brasher Doubloon restrike / commemorative from the ANA 2014 convention.
    f. Copper medal process set, the 95th CCC Anniversary medal.
11. Jeff Rosinia brought medals:
    a. World Columbian Exhibition commemorative medal for the 2014 ANA convention.
    b. Exhibitor medals in copper, silver, and gold.
    c. An article about how the first 4 people in line for the Kennedy gold in Chicago each earned about $6000 in recompense for selling the first 4 golds to a dealer. The coins were resold a few times: for coin #1 the initial $1240 investment eventually netted $100,000.
    d. Jeff also brought a set of vintage souvenir cards with Chicago scenes, probably 1920s era.

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September 11-13	ILNA convention at the Holiday Inn-Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Road, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Details, including a schedule of groups and speakers, will be available at http://www.ilnaclub.info
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November 22	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Call for Club Auction Lots
November 12, 2014

The club auction is scheduled for 7PM, near the start of the regular November club meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have had the best results. Some printed material also has shown good results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

The November *Chatter* will contain a list of all auction lots that are known to us by Tuesday, October 28. You can either e-mail your list to Paul Hybert by Tuesday, October 28 if you plan to bring your lots with you to the November meeting; or you can ship your items to Bill Burd by Tuesday, October 28.

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Minutes of the 1149th Meeting

The 1149th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 10, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called ed the meeting at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 18 members and 2 guests: Howard Kryse and Dr. Lawrence Lee.

A motion was passed to accept the August Minutes as published in the *Chatter*.

Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of August revenue of $4,669.44, expenses of $11,091.66, net income of $-6,422.22, total assets of $24,054.91 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $21,944.91. After several questions on the 95th Anniversary celebration and the ANA Convention, a motion was passed to accept his report.

The applications for membership of V. Kurt Bellman, Francis Hawks, John Thill, and Deven Kane received second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The applications of Howard Kryse and Dr. Lawrence Lee received first reading.

William Burd announced a wrap-up meeting of the 2014 ANA Convention Committee to be held at Chicago Coin Company, 6455 W. Archer Ave., 6-8PM, Wednesday September 17. President Krieter announced plans to hold an Board Meeting first or third weekin October.

The featured speaker Dr. Lawrence Lee, Lincoln, Nebraska was introduced and spoke on *Archeologically Recovered Coins from Fort Atkinson (1819-1827)*. Following a question and answer period, Dr. Lee was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the evening's 10 exhibitors. EUGENE FREEMAN: German POW money, Republic of Nueva Granda 1844 8 reales, and a Panamanian error 5-balboas coin; ROBERT FEILER: four medals from the die sinker of the Club 95th Anniversary medal, undated silver blank, and fantasy notes from Artic Territories; WILLIAM BURD: ANS first medal, struck in 1866 commemorating the death of Abraham Lincoln; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 1936-KN pattern shilling of British West Africa, and Hungarian 500 Forint; MARK WIECLAW: a Washington quarter he "walked" across the Potomac, pewter copy of Brasher Doubloon, a tetradrachm of Antoninus Pius (138-161 AD), and sterling silver medal Chicago Times/WJJD Quiz-Down; JAMES McMENAMIN: four coins showing the evolution of French 5 sols to 5 francs; DALE LUKANICH: four 19th century banknotes; JEFF ROSINIA: book from Chicago's 1933 Century of Progress; MARC STACKLER: memorabilia from *Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico*; and PHIL CARRIGAN: 1884 68mm copper medal of Charles Anthon, and the ANA Presidential Award plaque presented to him at the recent ANA Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
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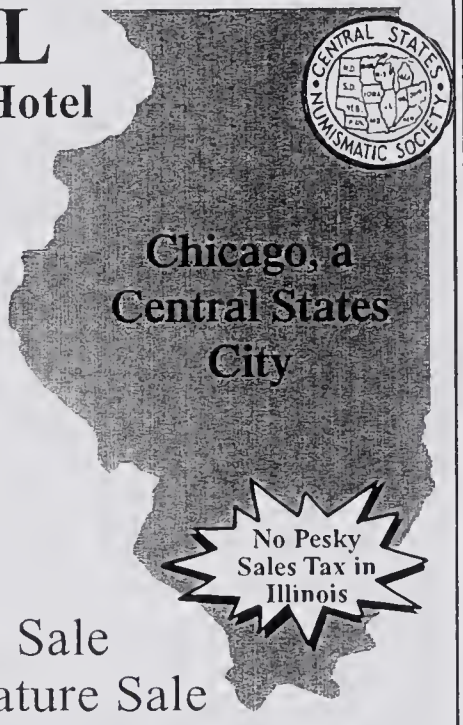

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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Archeologically Recovered Coins from Fort Atkinson (1819-1827)

a presentation by Dr. Lawrence J. Lee,
to our September 10, 2014 meeting

Dr. Lee, a past curator of the ANA museum, started the program with an overview of research methods and how numismatic education could be presented as a rigorous discipline. Research usually follows one of two styles: the Quantitative Paradigm or the Qualitative Paradigm. We were quickly shown characteristics of each, but at the risk of over simplifying, repeatable results are from the quantitative side. Each field of research typically follows only one paradigm, with the fields of Education, Sociology, and History listed among those offering Qualitative degrees. Among the five qualitative research traditions, the Case Study — exploration of a bound system — is the best for numismatic research.

Both research paradigms use the same 5-point methodology, so for our numismatic research to be accepted by the researchers in other fields, it is best that we follow it, too. The five steps are:

- Statement of the problem.
- Review of the problem.
- Collection of data.
- Analysis of data.
- Conclusions and recommendations.

In the 1860s, numismatics was considered an observational science like geology, astronomy, and others. Since then, those sciences have developed around the world — but numismatics did not keep up in the US. By following the above five steps in the presentation of his research, Lawrence hopes to raise the appreciation of numismatics, as a science, among his colleagues in other fields. So, where was Fort Atkinson?

Soon after the War of 1812, to dissuade British fur traders operating out of Canada from establishing themselves on US territory, Fort Atkinson was established on the west bank of the Missouri River, at what is now the northern reaches of Omaha, Nebraska. The short life of the fort resulted from the increased trade to the southwest that was much larger than the trade to the northwest. The Santa Fe Trail trade route quickly grew in importance soon after Fort Atkinson opened; after some years, Fort Atkinson was abandoned in favor of forts along the Santa Fe Trail. During its short existence, the fort was the last large community encountered by travellers heading up the Missouri River.

In only one year, 1823, did the number of soldiers stationed at the fort fall below

400 — in total, the resulting community consisted of more than a thousand easterners. It was not just civilians who set up outside the walls of the fort; some of the fort's storehouses, workshops, and residences were located outside the walls. There was never any military action at the fort; this was a base, from which soldiers did go on some missions. One of the patrols was a monthly trip to the town of Franklin to escort the payroll. The town of Franklin was on the Missouri River, located between St. Louis and what is now Kansas City; it is generally recognized as the eastern end of the Santa Fe Trail. Never heard of Franklin? That is because a Missouri River flood soon wiped it out.

Fort Atkinson was built near the edge of a bluff 20 feet above the Missouri River. today it is a good site for archeological searches because the river channel, years ago, moved far to the east, away from the fort. Built above ground mainly of cottonwood, the fort burned down soon after it was abandoned, and the area saw only light development in the following years. Years later, a farm house was built inside the old fort"s footprint; pigs were raised, resulting in the pig burial pit that is shown among the sites identified by archeologists. We saw a photo of a brick lined cellar uncovered during a 1956 excavation; more excavations have been made over the years, as resources are available. We also saw photos of a reconstruction of the old fort, but it must have been built away from the old site so as not to interfere with the ongoing digs. Only a small part of the old site has been excavated. We saw maps showing old structure remnants as well as found articles, including something identified as Feature #34 Hoard which, although having a total face value of only $1.16¼, is the largest found grouping of coins.

No, there was no half of a Half Cent found — it was mostly Spanish Colonial coins and pieces, but it did have an 1805 half penny from Ireland as well as an 1821 US dime (the only one found so far in the fort). According to records, the fort's monthly payroll arrived as United States Half Dollars. A soldier earned $5 each month, paid as ten half dollars. He did not keep the money for long — there were bills to pay and things to buy: a sutler (shop keeper) was there, and his one-year diary provides details to researchers; a laundress charged 6¼¢, so a new half dollar would be cut into eighths; and there were the usual diversions on a lonely outpost after payday. But soldier's pay was not the only economy present; others that mixed and ran in parallel included the fur trade, where each animal's pelt was its own denomination, as well as trade goods (which included Spanish silver coins).

All of the found coins are considered to be lost items; the Feature #34 mentioned above was found near what was the paymaster office, so this is probably just a lost pouch of small change instead of a soldier's life savings. Of the 130 coins found to date, none was gold and six were copper. Most of the silver was found as individual pieces, most likely lost through floor boards or other means. We saw two complete US half dollars dated 1817; that is not representative of the found items because only 10% of them are from the US, and six of them are pieces of half dollars. Virtually all of the others are from Spanish South America or Spain, with about a quarter of them cut. Cut by a chissel, axe, or knife, the resulting cut edge was sharp; put the piece in a pouch and after a while all the jostling results in a tear and lost coins.

Feature #34 also included some light weight tools originally identified as steelyard scale, hammer, chisel, and files. While most considered these to be just general tools, Dr. Lee saw more to them. The box of dirtly pieces did not look like much, but when he showed us a line drawing of a steelyard scale, with the individual components identified, we appreciated what they had found: the tools to create, measure, and adjust cut coins. In addition to showing us tables arranging the coins by weight or host coin, we also saw arrangments of the modified pieces by such characteristics as a cut coin's source location on the original coin and details of the hole in holed pieces. There are characteristics unique to the production of drilled and punched holes, and the wear pattern of an enlarged hole provides clues as to how a holed coin was used. Were holed coins strung in bundles, or attached as ornaments to clothes and other objects?

Much more was mentioned and shown during the presentation, including a love token and acknowledging the assistance of the Central States Numismatic Society But you who did not attend our meeting are not out of luck; look for the book *The Coins of Fort Atkinson* by Lawrence J. Lee later this year. We will include ordering details when the book is available.

Our 1150th Meeting

Date:	October 8, 2014
Time:	6:45 PM
Location:	Downtown Chicago At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building:* ***everyone*** *must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.* Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another before-meeting favorite of some members is the Berghoff Restaurant, located on Adams, just west of State. Members start arriving at 5pm.
Featured speaker:	— *to be announced* Check our main web page for details as they become available.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our Sep 10, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Eugene Freeman talked about 3 coins:
    a. A photo of a Dulmen, Germany POW camp (WWI), 1 mark made of iron. The coin was meant as currency within the camp for Allied prisoners. Eugene just sold this particular specimen to a customer in Australia, whose grandfather had been imprisoned in this camp.
    b. Colombia (Republic of Nueva Granada), 1844 8 reales, silver, with assayer initials of RS.
    c. Panama, error coin, 1975 5 Balboas. The design is that of the Franklin Mint, which would have struck 5 balboas in 0.925 silver. However, the contract went to the Royal Canadian mint, which struck the coin in copper-nickel, but neglected to remove "LEY 0.925" from the reverse die.
2. Bob Feiler showed these items:
    a. Four sample medals from the die sinker of our 2014 Ferris Wheel (95th anniversary) club medal.
    b. Undated silver eagle blank, slabbed by IGC.
    c. Artic Territories "fantasy" notes in denominations of 1½, 3½, and 12 Polar dollars — cold hard cash, indeed.
3. Bill Burd brought the first medal issued by the American Numismatic Society. The medal was issued in 1866 to commemorate the life and death of Abraham Lincoln. The obverse Latin inscription "SALVATOR PATRIAE" translates to "Savior of his Country." It was struck in bronze and white metal by Emil Sigel, a die sinker in NY City who also produced many civil war tokens. Mintage is unknown, but believed to be about 100 pieces. In a paper read by Andrew Abriskie at ANS on Dec. 6, 1900, he stated that only 19 bronze medals were struck before the die broke. Another die was made with minor changes in wording. Bill's bronze medal is one of the original 19, and is from the John J. Ford Jr. Collection.
4. Steve Zitowsky brought 2 items:
    a. 1936-KN Penny, British West Africa, Pattern Shilling (Pn7), in nickel-brass (vs. tin-brass for the coins for circulation). Given the even wear on both sides of the coin, this coin must have circulated.
    b. Hungary, 500 Forint, 2002 BP, "The Turk, Farkas Kempelen's Chess Machine." The chess machine is from the late 18th century and was exhibited as a mechanical device that played against (and beat) human chess players. In fact there was a person inside, who was able to interpret the opponent's moves and most often win.
5. Mark Wieclaw displayed 4 coins:
    a. 1967 Washington Quarter, which Mark walked across the Potomac (crossing a bridge, not on the water), to commemorate the tale of George Washington's having thrown a silver dollar* across the river.

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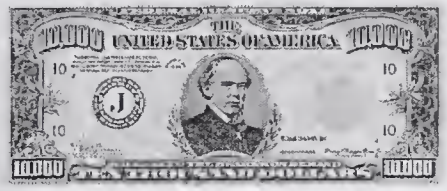

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~ Sullivan, Michael J. – **An Annotated Bibliography of United States Individual and State Bank Histories 1878 – 2000**, 2013, South Freeport, Maine, #12 of 100.

~ Ferguson, Mark – **The Dollar of 1804, The U.S. Mint's Hidden Secret**, 2014.

~ Berlin, Howard M. – **The Numismatourist**, 2014, Irvine, CA, a worldwide travel guide to museums, mints, and other places of interest for the numismatists.

~ Platt, Jerome J. & Arleen Kay Platt – **The English Civil Wars – Medals, Historical Commentary & Personalities**, 2013, Spink, London, 2 volumes.

~ Evans, John, et el – **Corolla Numismatica – Numismatic Essays in Honour of Barclay V. Head**, 1906, Oxford Press, 30 essays, 18 plates, scarce.

~ Galster, Georg – **Unionstidens** Udmontninger, 1972, Copenhagen, covers Danish coinage from the 14th century to mid 16th century.

~ Hede, Holger – **Danmarks og Norges Monter**, 1978, Copenhagen, covers Danish coinage from 1541 to 1977.

~ Hoffmann, Henry – **Les Monnaies Royales de France Depuis Hughes Capet Jusqu'a Louis XVI**, 1878, Paris, 215 pages of text plus 118 finely engraved plates of coins from 987 AD through 1793.

~ Elder, Thomas L. – **Catalogue of the Splendid Rare Coin Collection of the Late Henry C. Miller, Esq.**, May 26-29, 1920, New York, 28 plates and prices realized bound in, only 8 to 10 originally issued, rare.

~ Q. David Bowers – **Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money - Volume 1**, 2014, An introduction for collectors and historians.

~ Q. David Bowers – **Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money – Volume 2**, 2014, New England Part 1: Connecticut, Maine and New Hampshire.

*(Most likely a Spanish colonial 8 reales.)

b. Pewter copy of the Brasher Doubloon, struck at the 2014 ANA convention.
c. From Roman Egypt, a Tetradrachm of Antoninus Pius, 138-161 AD. On the reverse, the goddess Isis is sailing towards the lighthouse located on the island of Pharos off of Alexandria. The lighthouse was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, and the only one ever alluded to on a Roman coin.
d. Sterling silver medal from the Chicago *Times*: WJJD Quiz-Down. WJJD was a radio station. In 1948 the Chicago Times merged with the *Sun* to form the Chicago *Sun-Times*. The medal is most likely circa 1930s-40s.

6. Jim McMenamin brought 4 coins that he talked about.
   a. 1642 A (Paris Mint) 5 Sols, silver. Obverse: portrait head of Louis XIII. The "Sols" was derived from the Roman solidus. The French eventually pronounced and spelled it "sous." The other interesting characteristic of the coin is that it is an early example of French milled coinage.
   b. 1935 (Paris mint) 5 francs, nickel, 31 mm. diameter. This and the next 2 coins, from a period of ten years, are virtually the same size and design, while the metals and weights are different.
   c. 1940 (Paris mint) 5 francs, nickel-bronze.
   d. 1945 (Paris mint) 5 francs, aluminum. On the reverse is a small cornucopia, which served as a mintmark for the Paris mint.
7. Dale Lukanich showed 4 nineteenth-century notes:
   a. 1836 $1 obsolete note from Buffalo, NY, with vignettes of the Erie Canal and a train. This from a company that ran a stage line.
   b. 1826 $3 obsolete note from the Merchants Bank of New York.
   c. Two notes, $5 and $10, issued by the Chambersburg & Bedford Turnpike Road, 1819. These were given in payment for goods.
8. Jeff Rosinia brought in a book from the 1933 Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, and reminded us that, as the event marked by the fourth star in the Chicago flag, the 2015 convention medal from the ANA will show some aspect of that expo.
9. Marc Stackler brought club memorabilia from the *Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico* (SNM):
   a. September 11, 2014 is the 62nd anniversary of the Society. The first item was a book chronicling the first 35 years of the Society, written by Gustavo del Angel Mobarak. In May 1986, the author became the first Mexican YN to receive a scholarship to attend the ANA Summer Seminar, where he was instructed by Q. David Bowers and Ken Bresset, among others. This book copy belonged to Florence Schook (a past ANA president) and was inscribed thanking her. Florence had presented the scholarship to the author at the May 1986 SNM Convention.
   b. The SNM's Numismatic Bulletin from April-June 2000, which included a tribute to the late Jose Tamborrel, one of the founders of the SNM. The tribute was written by Clyde Hubbard, another of the founding members. A photo of Tamborrel and Hubbard was shown.

c. A silver commemorative medal featuring the 1947-48 5 Pesos Cuauhtémoc design.
d. A 1969 1 peso note, overprinted with an advertisement for the 1978 SNM Convention. On the front it was signed by Duane Douglas, another active member of the SNM who is a dealer in Mexico City and has been holding auctions at SNM conventions since the 1970s.
e. A "calling card" from Miguel Munoz, past president of the SNM and author. Among his many writings is an article on the history of the Mexican Peso, included in the Chicago Coin Club's *Perspective in Numismatics*. The "calling card" is a 2x2 plastic flip with the author's contact information and a cocoa bean. Cocoa beans were traditional money — means of exchange from Aztec times until the early 1900s (in some sections of southern Mexico and Central America.)

10. Phil Carrigan showed three items
a. A large 1884 bronze medal of numismatist Charles Edward Anthon, by the ANS.
b. All five catalogs of the auction of the Anthon collection. He cataloged his own collection, but he died after the third of five sessions.
c. His 2014 ANA President's medal.

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October	**26**	Elgin Coin Club Show, on Sunday. Open to the public from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. New location Moose Lodge #799, 925 South McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123. Don Cerny is the Show Chairman, 847-888-1449.
November	**12**	CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker
November	**21-23**	PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday through Sunday. Details at http://www.pcdaonline.com
November	**22**	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
December	**10**	CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker *to be announced*

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Minutes of the 1150th Meeting

The 1150th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held October 8, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 25 members and 5 guests: Ed Kedzie, Loren R. Miller III, Larry Dora, Dr. Leon Saryan, and Jeff Paunicka.

A motion was passed to accept the September Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of September: revenue of $855.00, expenses of $630.95, net income of $224.05, total assets of $24,278.96 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $21,168.96. A motion was passed to accept the report.

The applications for membership of Howard Kryse and Dr. Lawrence Lee received second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The applications of Dr. Leon Saryan, Jeffrey Paunicka and E.J (Ed) Kedzie received first reading.

Announcements:

- President Krieter announced plans to hold a Board Meeting October 15th.
- The November program will be the Annual Auction, and members were asked to submit their material to Bill Burd in a timely fashion so it can be posted in the November *Chatter*.
- Mark Wieclaw announced the Club's Annual Banquet on December 10th will be at The Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Reservations required at $45.00 per person.
- Robert Feiler announced a series of free numismatic lectures at the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute on the first Wednesday of next three months.

First V.P. Richard Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Dr. Leon Saryan, Milwaukee, WI who spoke on *Pre-Coinage Money in Armenia*. Following a question and answer period, Dr. Saryan was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

Second V.P. Marc Stackler introduced the evening's 10 exhibitors. RICHARD LIPMAN: world bank notes, First-Spouse gold coins, and 9-11 U.S. Mint medal; EUGENE FREEMAN: Philippines 1883/2 ten centimes, and the recently awarded Numismatic Ambassador medal and plaque which generated a warm round of applause; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 2 ancient coins from the southern Arabian coast; PHIL CARRIGAN: 3 1976 Ottawa Coin Club medals; ROBERT LEONARD: books recently acquired on Denmark's money, and coins related to St. Edmund, English King of East Anglia (855-870 AD); JAMES MC MENAMIN: 7 French "sou" coins derived from the Roman "solidus"; MARK WIECLAW: worn pocket coins, the 2014 ANA Convention exhibitors medal, and ancient Roman antoninus of Volusian (251-253 AD) with a reverse meant for his father's coinage; DEVEN KANE: coins from ancient Macedonia, Celtic Britain, 13th century France, the Seljuks of Rum, and the Dirham of Khans of Persia; ROBERT FEILER: 1995 Turks & Caicos 5 crowns; and Dr. Leon Saryan: 3 Armenian cancelled checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Preview of Our December Banquet (1152nd Meeting)

Date:	December 10, 2014 **(This is on a Wednesday!)**
Time:	6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting
Location:	Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. (One last time, before they close in early 2015!)
Menu:	A Classic Caesar salad to start; choice of Center cut Filet Mignon, Salmon, or Medallions of Chicken, all served with double baked potato; and finished with White Chocolate chip Ice Cream with Raspberry sauce. The cost is $45.00 per person and reservations are required. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.
Program:	*to be announced*
Agenda:	Election of Club Officers Award Presentations

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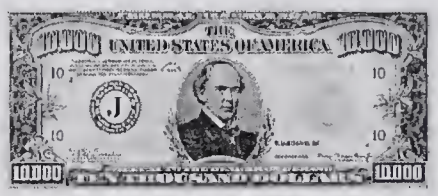

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Friday, November 21, 2013	10AM-6PM
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Speaker's Wor[l]d
Pre-Coinage Money in Armenia

a presentation by Dr. Leon Saryan,
to our October 8, 2014 meeting

To set the stage for his talk on pre-coinage money in Armenia, Dr. Saryan first showed us maps of historical Armenia, to help us locate it and its neighbors, and then he showed us examples of coinage from the Armenian lands. On a map of the Persian Empire (about 500 BC) and Alexander the Great (about 325 BC), Armenia is located south of, and inland from, the south-east corner of the Black Sea; the land to *its* south is marked Mesopotamia. The second map showed the Armenian Empire at its zenith under Tigran the Great (95-66 BC), when it, including its vassal states, reached from the southwest Caspian Sea, to the southeast Black Sea, to the eastern Mediterranean; which placed it between the Parthian Empire to the east and the Roman Empire to the west. The final map shows contemporary landlocked Armenia with Turkey to the west, Iran to the south, Azerbaijan to the east, and Georgia to the north. The area has been inhabited continuously since the early Stone Age. It is located at a crossroad of the ancient world, making it important in commerce and trade. It is montainous, with mineral, plant, and animal resources.

Ancient Greek coins have been found in excavations; these first signs of coinage on Armenian territory are dated to the sixth and fifth centuries BC. The first locally issued coins were bronze coins with a royal portrait, from the third and second centuries BC; locally issued silver coins soon followed. We saw a silver drachm of Tigranes the Great (with Greek legends), and then a Roman denarius of Augustus with an ARMENIA CAPTA reverse. We even saw some medieval coins of Armenia, with legends written in the Armenian alphabet. But enough with the background information, here comes the pre-coinage money!

In the development of trade, the first stage was barter — the direct exchange of goods. Unlike plant and animal goods that quickly decay, the remnants of obsidian tools provide us with abundant material from long ago. Obsidian is a natural volcanic glass that can be shaped to have sharp edges. It is very abundant at hundreds of sites in the Armenian highlands, and evidence shows it was made into cutting and scraping tools before 12,000 BC. The use of obsidian tools increased the rate at which progess was being made. The sophistication of the produced implements increased over time, and obsidian tools found in archaeological digs outside of Armenia use obsidian that originated in Armenia.

Cooper and its alloys were another important item. Early copper implements found in western Armenia have been dated to about 9,000 BC, and excavations at Medzamor yielded 24 smelters that were dated to the 3,000 to 1,000 BC era.

Copper, either as tools or as ingots of refined metal, was another trade good that was sourced in a few areas but used in many; its use further increased the speed of progress.

The next stage in the development of trade used some uncoined medium to help exchange goods. Much of this is speculation based mostly on the archaeological eveidence. The keys to look for here are many items of a particular value, or some relative values between different items. Unlike goods made from plants or animals, items made of obsidian and metals could be kept, or handled, for years without losing value. One possible scheme could be based upon arrow heads, spear heads, and axe heads. A more developed scheme would be based solely upon the weights of the items, so that the weight of some item would be one of a small number of values; or that the weight of every item is some integer multiple of the smallest's weight.

Other items that are found at archaeological sites from 2,000 to 1,000 BC are cowrie shells and cattle shin-bones. Cowrie shells are from along the coast of the Indian Ocean, and arrived in trade. They are of a single size, and have certain physical characteristics. They are found in tombs from the era, and we know they were used as a medium of exchange elsewhere in Asia. Some experts conjecture that the cattle toe-bones and carved shin-bones found in tombs might have replaced actual cattle as a medium of exchange. Some wonder if the bones might have been used as gaming pieces.

We saw some bronze rings that were discovered in tombs excavated near copper mines in the 1880s; they were date to 1200-700 BC. These are plain, without ornamentation, so it is believed they were not intended as jewelry; several weigh over 500 grams, another detail against their being jewelry. The weight of bronze rings found in five separate crypts varied from 201 to 5,073 grams, with the larger number of rings found in tombs with the richer furnishings; in all crypts, the rings were attached to the legs of corpses. The ring weights seem to follow the 8.2 gram "Caucasian" siglos, which is close to the 8.4 gram Assyro-Babylonian standard. We then saw two rings found elsewhere, at 80 mm in diameter and weighing 119 and 137 grams, that could have been used as a bracelet in addition to a store of value.

The program ended with a closing assortment of stone and bronze artifacts dated to the 3000-500 BC range: seals, buttons, personal ornaments, tools, and weapons. There is no explicit evidence showing their having been used as money, but such fuctional and eye-catching items could very well have been used in trade — made by a specialist from one locationarea, for exchange while in other areas. Coins undoubtedly evolved from the use of refined metal in barter transactions; in Armenia, the transition to coinage took about three to five centuries.

Our 1151st Meeting

Date: November 12, 2014 **First session**

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, 3rd floor meeting room. *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*
Nearby parking: South Loop Self Park, 318 South Federal Street; that is two short blocks west of our meeting site. **Note:** Their typical rate of $33 is reduced to $9 if you eat at the Plymouth Restaurant, 327 S. Plymouth Court (next to our meeting site at the CBA) — show the restaurant your parking ticket, and ask for a parking voucher. The restaurant offers standard sandwiches, burgers, and salads for members who want to meet for dinner. Another group of members tries a different restaurant each month — ask around at a meeting to see where they will dine next. Members start arriving for dinner at 5pm, and at the meeting room after 6pm.

Member Auction: You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Tuesday, October 28.

Date: November 22, 2014, **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the National Coin and Currency Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Doug Davis — *Numismatic Crime: Developing a Tactical Mindset for Collectors and Dealers*

Numismatic crimes are increasing. Collectors and dealers who stay current in their education and awareness of security risks can reduce the chance of becoming the next victim. Doug Davis founded the Numismatic Crime Information Center with a mission to serve as an international resource for collectors, dealers, and law enforcement in the education, prevention, and investigation of crimes involving numismatic material. Collectors will hear some of the latest methods criminals use and learn of new technologies available to prevent crime and help investigators solve crimes. We are fortunate to have Doug share his 30 years of experience in law enforcement and the numismatic industry. Those who attend will advance their education in crime prevention and learn their role with an investigation when crime occurs. Don't miss this program!

Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 28, 2014. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination.

Donation from Out-East World Coins

1. 1957-R 100 Lira Italy — ANACS AU50.
2. 1943 5 Cent Canada — ICG MS63.

Donation from Richard East

3. 1956KN British West Africa Penny — MS64 RB.

Donation from Bill Burd

4. CCC 25th Anniversary Medal depicting Lincoln, in sterling silver, dated 1944.
5. CCC 400th Meeting Medal, May 14, 1952, counterstamped on a Mexican 1 peso, .720 fine silver.
6. Two Tokens depicting CCC Fall Festivals — one in 1959 and the other 1962.
7. Medal depicting CCC as 1952 National Coin Week winner counterstamped on 1949 Central Illinois Numismatic Society Medal.
8. CCC 600th Meeting Medal, January 8, 1969.
9. CCC 750th Meeting Medal, July 8, 1981, counterstamped on 1919 silver half dollar.
10. CCC 800th Meeting "Janus" Medal, September 14, 1985.

Donation from Sharon Blocker (for the 2014 December Banquet)

11. Six CCC souvenir cards, plus one duplicate.
12. Nine money-themed ties — they were popular is past auctions,are they still fun?
13. *Coin Collecting Boards of the 1930s & 1940s*, by David W. Lange.

Donation from Bill Rumph

14. 1991 100th Anniversary ANA Convention Medal 2½ inch bronze.

Consignment from Sharon Blocker

15. Chicago Coin Club 750th Meeting — July 8, 1981 — counterstamped 1919 half dollar.
16. Chicago Coin Club items:

2013 silver Lincoln medal.
2007 Unofficial Merciless Roast of Carl Wolf round.
85th Anniversary round with committee member names.
90th Aanniversary encased postage stamp.
1000th meeting program.

17. Seated Liberty Quarter Tie Tack. **MB: $5.**
18. *Coins — The Collectors Corner Book.*
19. *The Experts Guide Collecting & Investing in Rare Coins*, by Q. David Bowers.
20. *History of the United States Mint and Its Coinage*, by David W. Lange.
21. *Encyclopedia of U.S. Silver & Gold Commemorative Coins 1892-1954*, by Anthony Swiatek and Walter Breen.
22. United States Mint 1996 — Half Dollar Holiday Ornament.
23. United States Mint 1997 — Washington Quarter Holiday Ornament.

Consignment from Bill Rumph

24. F.H. Noble & Co. medal 1¼ inch dia. — Chicago Oct 1906.
25. Heathers Chicago Curling Club pin – (this is an early version of pin still used today).

Consignment from Larry

26. "The Discoverers" Medal — 1994 — 75th Anniversary Chicago Coin Club — bronze #00100
27. ANA 98th Anniversary medal w/ribbon 1¼ inch dia.
28. Grand Encampment Ribbon August 1892 — Denver, Colo.
29. *1873-1873* book by Harry X Boosel, 1960, hardcover, autographed, Ser #473.
30. *1873-1873* book by Harry X Boosel, 1960 softcover, autographed, Ser #406.
31. Chicago Coin Club 1000th Meeting booklet, banquet program, and commemorative ornament. CCC *Bulletin* — Bicentennial Issue 1976, and CCC 500th Meeting booklet — Sep 14, 1960.
32. Lincoln Medal — "In Memorium Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865"
33. Washington pin back from the 1876 Philadelphia Exposition.
34. 8 ANA Convention badges — issued to Harry X Boosel in years of 1933, 1934-1936, 1938, 1941-1942, 1948-1949.
35. 10 ANA Convention badges — issued to Harry X Boosel and his wife in years of 1950-1957; also one extra badge from 1952 and 1954.

Consignment from Bob Leonard

36. Mystery Lot — items found by York, England Treasure Hunting Club in 1980s.
37. Coin Dealer Directory — 10th Edition, 1997.
38. *Handbook of United States Coins*, 18th Edition, 1961.

39. U.S. Commemorative Coins pamphlet from Bowers and Merena Galleries.
40. Two issues of *The Numismatist*: January 1947 and August 1956.

Consignment from Rich Lipman

41. Groupings of financial instruments (mostly bonds, with some stocks) from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Mostly European, concentrated in Austria, Hungary, France, and Ottoman Empire.
42. Chinese New Year material (from U.S. Mint and BEP), similar to the material and format offered by Rich in recent years.

Consignment from Carl Wolf

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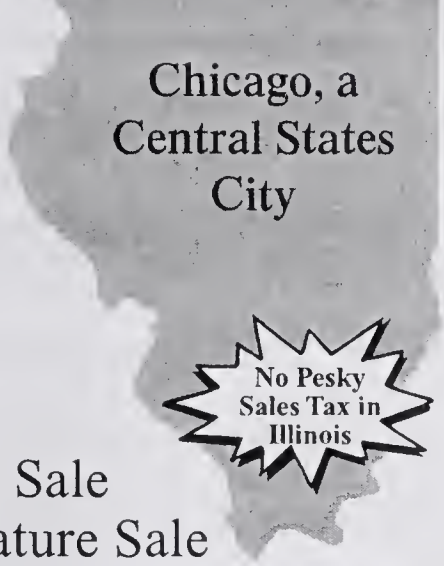

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our Oct 8, 2014 meeting,
reported by Marc Stackler

1. Rich Lipman discussed several coins and bank notes.
    a. World notes from New Zealand, France, German-occupied Lithuania (WW I), Macau, Guernsey, and Canada (the "devil note").
    b. Two 2014 First Spouse coins, certified first strikes, .9999 fine gold $10 (half-ounce).
    c. 9/11 New York, World Trade Center memorial bronze medal.
2. Eugene Freeman brought these items:
    a. Philippines 10 centimos, 1883/2, with the obverse bust of Alfonso XII.
    b. The Numismatic Ambassador medal and plaque awarded to him at the August 2014 ANA. See the photo on our Facebook page — so well deserved!
3. Steve Zitowsky took us through 2 coins from the southern Arabian (Yemen) coast:
    a. Qatabanian, silver hemi drachm of Timna': Yad'ab Dhubyan Yuharib, 155-135 BC.
    b. Himyar, silver cup-shaped ("scyphate") quinarius of Raidan mint: Amdan Bayyin, second century AD.
4. Phil Carrigan presented three Ottawa Coin Club medals from the 1976 Canadian Numismatic Association convention: in silver, bronze, and one of possible "white metal" composition.
5. Bob Leonard brought items relating to the Danes and East Anglia.
    a. *Denmark's Money* (Danske Monter) – a book on Danish money.
    b. St. Eadmund (Edmund) memorial penny, c. 905-915 AD. St. Edmund was the English King of East Anglia from 855-869/70. He was killed / martyred by the Vikings, and soon after was made a saint. The Vikings (Danes) in East Anglia repented their having killed Edmund and subsequently issued coins memorializing him.
    c. Edward I penny from the Bury St. Edmund's mint (located in E. Anglia), c. 1302-05.
    d. Bury St. Edmund's "Boy Bishop" lead token, c. 1475-1500. In E. Anglia it was tradition to appoint a young boy as bishop for a month, during which time he gave alms to the poor, of which this token is an example. The token resembles a contemporary English groat.
    e. Bury St. Edmund's copper farthing (token) dated 1664.
6. Jim McMenamin talked about the derivation of the French "sou" and showed several examples. The word *sou* is derived from the Roman *solidus*.

a. 1770 W (Lille) — 1 sou, Louis XV, copper.
b. 1782 R (Orleans) — 1 sou, Louis XVI, copper.
c. 1792 T (Nantes) — 12 denier (1 sou), Louis XVI, copper or brass.
d. L'An 8 (1799) W (Lille) — 5 centimes (1 sou), French Republic, bronze.
e. 1864 BB (Strasbourg) — 5 centimes, French Empire/Napoleon III, bronze.
f. 1894 A (Paris) — 5 centimes (1 sou), French Republic, bronze.
g. 1915 5 centimes, French Republic.

7. Mark Wieclaw had a wide variety of things to show:
   a. Photos from the 75th Anniversary Banquet (1994).
   b. Several pocket pieces: proof Washington half dollar, Canadian "loonie" dollar, Susan B. Anthony $1, 1984 Olympic gold coin, and a 1999 George Washington gold coin.
   c. Antoninus of Volusian, 251-253 AD, mule, where the reverse depicted Juno is from one of his father's coins.
   d. The official exhibitors and judges medal from the 2014 ANA, which the ANA issued after there was some concern that exhibitors and judges had received a lapel pin at the convention.
8. Deven Kane brought 5 coins that he talked about.
   a. Bronze AE, Kassander, king of Macedonia, obv. head of Apollo. Kassander was a general of Alexander the Great, and killed Alexander's son to become king of Macedonia.
   b. Celtic Britain (just prior to the Roman invasion under Claudius), Epaticcus, obv. Hercules, rev. eagle.
   c. Gross Tournois of Louis IX (St. Louis), thirteenth century.
   d. Seljuks of Rum, thirteenth century, dirham of "The Three Brothers", from the interior area of Asia Minor (Turkey).
   e. Dirham of the Il-Khans (Persia), dirham of Arghun, a Mongol Khan, c. 1280s. The coin is bi-lingual but follows Islamic fabric, even though the Khan was a Buddhist.
9. Bob Feiler brought 1 coin, a 1995 Turks and Caicos 5 crowns, KM-132. The reverse features the moon landing and the "ANA SALUTE TO COIN COLLECTING" legend.
10. Léon Saryan displayed some checks related to Armenia:
    a. 1909, Southern Illinois National Bank, paid to an Armenian living in the Ottoman Empire, in pounds, to be drawn on the correspondent account at the Bank of Scotland. The back has markings that trace its return path, starting with an Ottoman Revenue stamp and ending with a British Revenue stamp.
    b. 1923, Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, drawn on its correspondent account at Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company in New York and cashed at Lloyds Bank. The back side has markings that trace its return path.
    c. 1913, a large size (5.25" x 10.75") Ottoman check, written in Armenian, for 53.75 gold payable in 31 days.

Minutes of the Chicago Coin Club Board of Directors

October 15, 2014

The October 15, 2014 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club Board was held at Connie's Pizza, 2373 South Archer Ave., Chicago, IL. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm with the following members present: Steve Zitowsky, Paul Hybert, Bob Feiler, Steve Ambos, William Burd, Mark Wieclaw, Jeff Rosinia, and Carl Wolf.

Jeff Rosinia, Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, reported:

- Plans to receive permission from Harlan J. Berk's to hold committee meetings in their offices.
- First committee meeting will be November 19, then the third Wednesday of every month beginning in January 2015.
- ANA Convention Director Rhonda Scurek will attend the January 21st meeting and will be at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in April.

For consideration at the upcoming ANA Convention, Carl Wolf showed digitally enhanced color renderings of the Lincoln medal used to commemorate the past Conventions. Of the four shown, the backgrounds showing a variety of blue tones and a variety of golden-orange were favored. More refined renderings will be submitted at the next meeting.

Elliott appointed Jeff Rosinia, Bob Feiler, and Mark Wieclaw to the Nomination Committee, and instructed them to submit, at the November meeting, a slate of candidates to serve 2015-17. The election will take place at the December 10 annual banquet.

Regarding the Club's 100th Anniversary in 2019, the following points were discussed:

- Planning should begin soon.
- There should be a variety of committees, i.e. medal, banquet, publication, archival exhibit, etc.

Regarding the Club's newsletter, the *Chatter*, the following was discussed, but without resolution:

- Publish the list of member names who joined during that anniversary month.
- Promote electronic newsletter by:

- Create the electronic version with color photos and enhanced graphics.
- Announce that new members receive the electronic version only.

Mark Wieclaw, Chairman of the Annual Banquet on December 10th reported:

- The Rosewood Restaurant is closing in January, 2015.
- The cost is $45.00 per person.
- Donation commitments made at the Board meeting would be matched by Chicago Coin Company.
- A discussion of upgrading the menu did not receive much support.

Bill Burd, Archivist, reported the contents from the Safe Deposit Box closed in 2012 were merged with the Club Archives at his store and library on Archer Avenue. He submitting a master list to the Secretary.

After a discussion on souvenir sheets from past Chicago Paper Money Expo meetings, the Board authorized the Secretary and Treasurer to sell a selection of the early issues in one lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Sincerely,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

Unless stated otherwise, our regular monthly CCC Meeting is in downtown Chicago on the second Wednesday of the month; the starting time is 6:45PM.

November 12	CCC Meeting - Member Auction - no featured speaker
November 21-23	PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is $5 for Friday through Sunday. Details at http://www.pcdaonline.com
November 22	CCC Meeting - 1pm at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Doug Davis on *Numismatic Crime: Developing a Tactical Mindset for Collectors and Dealers*
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Check the outside of your printed *Chatter*. A slip of yellow paper stapled outside the cover indicates that, according to our records, you have not paid your dues for 2015. Please mail them to the address on that slip, or bring them to our next meeting.

Minutes of the 1151st Meeting

Session I of 1150th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 12, 2014 in the Chicago Bar Association Building, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Downtown Chicago. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with an attendance of 28 members and 4 guests: Loren R. Miller III, Larry Dora, Robert Lenet, and Kevin O'Brien.

A motion was passed to accept the October Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. The Minutes of the October 15 Board Meeting were approved after adding the correction "an upgraded menu at no additional cost received the support of the Board." Treasurer Steve Zitowsky gave a detailed report for the month of October revenue of $850.00, expenses of $325.60, net income of $524.40, total assets of $24,803.36 held in Life Membership $2,110.00 and member equity $22,803.36. A motion was passed to accept the report.

The applications of membership for Dr. Leon Saryan, Jeffrey Paunicka, and E.J (Ed) Kedzie received a second reading and a motion was passed to accept them into the Club. The applications of Loren R. Miller III and Larry Dora received first reading. It was announced that Tom DeLorey is choosing not to renew his membership for 2015.

Chairman of the Nominations Committee Jeffrey Rosinia announced the following slate for 2015-16 Board which shall be voted on at the December 10 meeting. President: Elliott Krieter; First Vice President: Richard Lipman; Second Vice President: Marc Stackler; Director: Steve Ambos, Eugene Freeman, Dale Lukanich, and Mark Wieclaw; appointed positions include Immediate Past President: Jeffrey Rosinia; Secretary: Carl Wolf; Treasurer:

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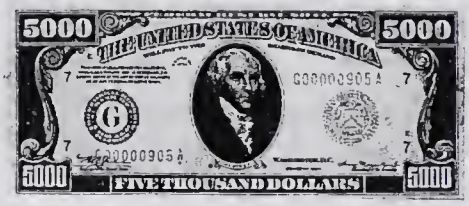

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Steve Zitowsky; and Editor: Paul Hybert.

Announcements:

- Mark Wieclaw announced the Club's Annual Banquet on December 10th will be at The Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Reservations required at $45.00 per person.
- Jeff Rosinia, Host Chairman of the 2015 ANA Convention, announced a meeting of the Convention Committee, Wednesday, Nov 19 in the offices of Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.

The remainder of the evening was dedicated to an auction of 75+ items of numismatic material with Jeff Rosinia serving as the auctioneer.

The meeting was recessed at 8:36 PM and will be reconvened 1 PM, Saturday November 22 at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Show, Rosemont, IL.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Session II of the 1151st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 22, 2014 at the PCDA National Coin and Currency Convention. President Elliott Krieter called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM with an attendance of 20 members and six guests. Elliott reminded attendees about the December 10 Club banquet at the Rosewood in Rosemont, IL. Banquet tickets are $45.

There was a first reading by Jeff Rosinia of the application for new member Jeffrey Dohm.

There was also a reminder about the 2015 ANA, 11-15 August, in Rosemont at the Donald Stephens Center. Members are encouraged to fill out volunteer applications. Members who are interested in making a "money talks" presentation should contact Mark Wieclaw.

Rich Lipman introduced the featured speaker, Doug Davis, founder of the Numismatic Crimes Information Center, www.NumismaticCrimes.org, whose topic was crime and security for dealers and collectors alike. Following a question-and-answer period, Doug was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club speaker's medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marc Stackler

Our December Banquet (1152nd Meeting)

Date: December 10, 2014 **(This is on a Wednesday!)**

Time: 6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL 60018.

Menu: A Classic Caesar salad to start; choice of Center cut Filet Mignon, Salmon, or Medallions of Chicken, all served with double baked potato; and finished with White Chocolate chip Ice Cream with Raspberry sauce.

The cost is $45.00 per person and reservations are required. Make your check payable to Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If time is short, e-mail your reservation to carlwolfco@msn.com, or call 773-878-8979 during workdays and make arrangements to pay at the door.

Please make reservations as early as you can so we can plan for an appropriate room size.

Program: *to be announced*

Agenda: Election of Club Officers
Award Presentations

Minutes of the 2015 Chicago ANA Convention Committee

November 19, 2014

Attendees: Rosinia, Zitowsky, Burd, Gumm, Wieclaw, Lipman, Berk, Feiler, Freeman, and Stackler.

Jeff Rosinia welcomed everyone as the 2015 Host Chairman. The committee thanked Harlan Berk for providing the meeting location and food for our meetings, as well as his long-time support of the Chicago Coin Club. Harlan has been made honorary host chairman for 2015.

Meetings will be every third Wednesday of the month starting January 2015, until July 2015, and with the exception of January and April they will be held at the offices of Harlan J. Berk. For January, Jeff will contact Rhonda (ANA) to arrange a meeting place in Rosemont. In April, the committee plans to meet at the Central States convention instead of downtown.

The committee budget (from the ANA) is the same as last year: $6000.

The World's Fair of Money (ANA) convention will be held at the Donald Stephens Center, located at River Rd. and Bryn Mawr Ave., in Rosemont, IL, from 11-15 August 2015. The convention will be in Hall F (to the right of the entrance), not Hall A as with the two past conventions.

The host planning committee chairpersons are:
Host Chairman – Jeff Rosinia
Honorary Host Chairman – Harlan Berk
Assistant Chairman – Rich Lipman
Pages – Elliott Kreiter
Scouts – Eugene Freeman
Ambassador Volunteers – Carl Wolf
Money Talks – Mark Wieclaw
Collector Exhibits – Melissa Gumm

Scouts. Eugene Freeman mentioned that ending the Saturday scout meeting at 10:30am worked well, so that the scouts could get out on the floor before many dealers packed up to leave. He noted that over 150 boys have earned collecting patches in 2011-2013-2014. This past September 24, the Northwest Suburban Council of the BSA approved the group merit badge clinic, and approved the "Scouting at the ANA" program, for the 2015 WFOM. Rod Gillis (ANA) will complete a first draft of the scout flyers by December. Also to be decided is a series of steps for scouts, who have not attended in prior years, to earn the complete coin collecting patch at the 2015 convention. A series of efforts to promote the convention will be taken, including publishing an article/notice in *Boy's Life*, *Coin World*, and the Central States bulletin. Eugene will also speak with Rod Gillis

about a scouting write-up for the ANA website.

Ambassadors. Carl Wolf reported (via email) that volunteer forms are arriving from past as well as new volunteers. He is looking to have floor captains from the past year, as well as new ones. Marc reported that having an "Ask Me" (information) seated at the information desk worked far better than having volunteers walk the floor. The prominent location — just inside the show entrance — made for many, many questions/interactions each day. The ANA staff at the info table thanked the Chicago Coin Club for their help, and asked if we could do it again in 2015. Marc will work with Carl on a small improvement to the sign, which was otherwise easily seen by dealers and collectors alike.

Money Talks. Mark Wieclaw mentioned that having a second sandwich board, with a list of the dates and times of money talks, was helpful for 2014 convention goers. Attendance averaged about 10-20 per session, which is about as expected. Mark also mentioned that this year he would like to get the mobile number for each speaker. This past convention, one speaker confused time zones and showed up late. Mark is also soliciting help for speaker introductions. The ANA is expecting to have speaker applications ready by January 2015. Proposals are being reviewed for the 2015 speaker medal … which may sport some color! (Expenditure for the medal will require CCC Board approval.)

Collector Exhibits. Melissa Gumm reported that in the past it has been difficult to connect with exhibitors. The ANA had to extend the application period in 2013. Some ideas are to contact local clubs, not only to promote the show, but also to get more enthusiasm for exhibiting. The committee discussed the possibility of the CCC creating a non-competitive exhibit of our club material.

Open Discussion / Other. At the 2014 show the ANA conducted an informal survey and received about 140 responses. In general, people liked the show. Over one-third of respondents were not ANA members. In order of most-to-least, respondents said they heard of the show via the internet, ANA website, friends, dealers, and (almost nobody) local media. Almost 80 percent bought something at the show, but two-thirds did not attend any meeting, presentation, or event. A number of people said they would like for the US Postal Service to have a pick-up location at the convention. (The USPS has a station within a few blocks, but declined to be at the convention.) Other shortcomings per the respondents: missed having the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, disliked the Kennedy Gold $50 promotion, requested more/any lobby seating, and were disappointed that so many dealers pack up early on Saturday. The discussion moved to ideas to promote the show, which included speaking to local clubs and sending information to local news for their "weekend things to do." In both cases it was agreed that it needs to start in advance, with follow up / repeat communications especially for the local clubs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marc Stackler

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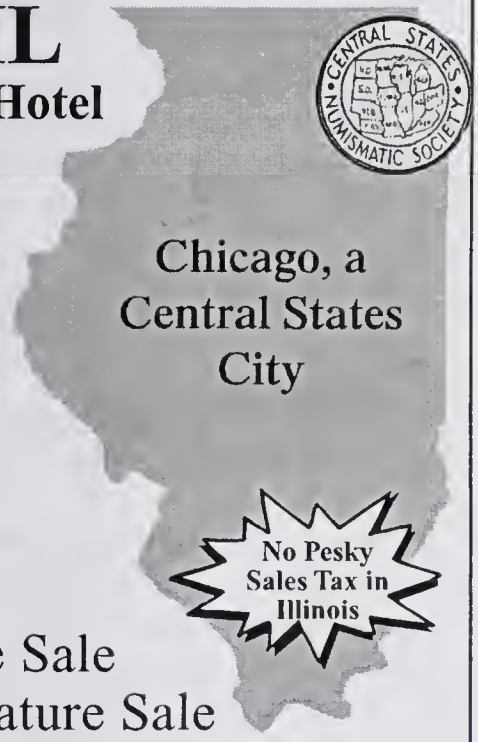

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Auction Results
November 12, 2014

These are the realized prices for the lots listed in the November *Chatter*.

1	$5.00	13	8.00	24	12.00	36	15.00	51&52	5.00
2	8.00	14	10.00	25	—	37-40	5.00	53	5.00
3	14.00	15	14.00	26	14.00	41	1@50.00	54&55	8.00
4	28.00	16	16.00	27	5.00	42	55.00	56	6.00
5	25.00	17	5.00	28	24.00	43&44	5.00	57	35.00
6	5.00	18&19	5.00	29	7.00	45	5.00	58	18.00
7	20.00	19	25.00	30	3.00	46	3.00	59	15.00
8	5.00	20	5.00	31	9.00	47	10.00	60	7.00
9	18.00	21	12.00	32	8.00	48	18.00	61	2.00
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